

SBS Open at Turtle Bay
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Oahu, Hawaii
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First round Interviews

Interview of Allison Hanna

THE MODERATOR: Alison, great playing today. Close to par. on the top of the leaderboard. I imagine it's got to be a good way to start the year this year. So talk about what worked well for you today.

ALLISON HANNA: I putted well and made good par putts on the back 9. Kept the ball in play. I was never very far away from the green that sort of thing.

Q What were the conditions like?

ALLISON HANNA: You know, I think I got the easiest time of the day. The course is pretty soft. And not as windy as this afternoon. It was playing different than the breakfast round with all of that rain we got tonight.

Q No wind today at least so to speak of at least early?

ALLISON HANNA: Only at the club, instead of two or three clubs like the breakfast round.

Q Sherri said she putted real well, a 27 with a 3-putt. How much of that is you guys, and how much of that is the greens? A couple of weeks ago the seniors did the same thing?

ALLISON HANNA: The greens are really nice. And I think that if you are going to play well here you are going to have to putt well because the greens are pretty big. So even if you are hitting the ball well you could 3-putt easily. So I think that it's okay considering that. And for Bermuda greens they are pretty smooth.

Q I thought they were poa?

ALLISON HANNA: I think it's Bermuda.

Q Can you see the grain?

ALLISON HANNA: I can't see the grain here. In Florida I can, but not here

Q How do you read them?

ALLISON HANNA: The break. The way I would in Portland.

Q This is your best round on tour?

ALLISON HANNA: Maybe on the LPGA.

Q That is what I meant?

ALLISON HANNA: I think so.

Q You have a 71. I looked in the book I don't know if that is --

ALLISON HANNA: It may be 70. I haven't played in that many events, maybe nine. I think it's fair.

Q What did you learn in those nine events?

ALLISON HANNA: Just kind of how it works out here. How the players are. You have a good feel of it. The first few events you are not sure what is going to happen and that sort of thing, that sort of thing.

Q Have you been here before?

ALLISON HANNA: I did the Monday qualifier last year. I didn't make it, but I played the course two or three times. And one competitive round on it, so I had a good feel for it.

Q Did you have any idea coming in? Did you feel good starting out?

ALLISON HANNA: Yeah. I did a good job in the off season working on the things that I needed to, to get a little longer up the tee. You wouldn't be like whoa, look at how far she it hitting it. It's a little bit farther and just been trying to, you know, let it go more on the putting. And, you know, give the ball a chance to go in. Normally it would be right in the jaws and I would be like ohhh. And now I'm getting to it the hole and getting a few more putts.

Q How come backs did you make?

ALLISON HANNA: I don't know.

Q That is the worry, right? You will have something major coming back?

ALLISON HANNA: I am strengthening my game and the short putts. My coach is trying to convince me I'm so good, but why not hit it by the hole. But yeah, my caddy and I did a good job today working together and determining, you know, how the putt is going to break on that. You know, because the wind actually plays a part in it too here. It's not as much today, but a few times.

Q It will start again.

THE MODERATOR: Alison, can you tell us about your scorecard, and if you don't mind going over your birdie, and one bogey, and what club you got in, and how far you think the putt was?

ALLISON HANNA: Sure.

[Scorecard]