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**Second-round leader quotes**

**AN INTERVIEW WITH CRISTIE KERR**

**Q. Great round, five birdies, no bogeys.**Error! Bookmark not defined.

**CRISTIE KERR: Yep.**

**Q. Bogey-free round. It looks like you got a 4-shot lead right now.**

**CRISTIE KERR: Right now.**

**Q. Very good playing.**

**CRISTIE KERR: Scorecard first?**

**Q. How about opening comments first, then we will do your scorecard. Just tell us kind of in general.**

**CRISTIE KERR: I'm going to Mutual of Omaha's office in Omaha, Nebraska to have another casual day. That's what I'm going for. I finish Top-3 in a tournament, and they have a casual day at work. It's like suit and tie, and I am so joking, but they really do get a casual day. And I'm not speaking in the mic for you, am I?**

**Q. It wasn't a wild kingdom out there?**

**CRISTIE KERR: Nice comment. I don't know quite what to say about that. No, there weren't any endangered animals, or animals running around the course. I had a good day. Really solid ball striking. I hit one or two drives left, which I need to go work on. You know, but overall I hit the ball much more solidly today, and I had a lot of opportunities for birdie. You are going to miss some greens in the wind, and I got up and down where I needed to and made some key par putts, so I played real well.**

**I was real calm the whole day and just tried to play within myself, and once I saw I had the lead I said let's see how far in front I can get.**

**Q. Do you get a feeling it might be daunting for the people who you were tied with yesterday, going out there now and seeing that number, and seeing the wind is picking up?**

**CRISTIE KERR:** Is the wind picking up? On 9, it kind of was. Everybody has got to go play their own rounds. I can't tell you what's going through their heads. I'm just glad to be done. If the wind does pick up, it's going to play harder, and it played hard as it was today.

**Q. Roll reversal though, if you are out there in the afternoon, and you see somebody post a number, is it kind of a tough thing for you?**

**CRISTIE KERR:** Well, when the conditions are tough and someone shoots a low number, it kind of makes you think that you have to go more aggressively at pins, and so on and so forth. But when, in reality, you just need to get a lot of chances for birdie, because if you do that, then you will make some putts. So I can only tell you what I'm faced with, and I like my situation right now.

**Q. We will go ahead and do your scorecard starting with 10?**

**CRISTIE KERR:** I started on the tenth hole today, didn't I? The tenth hole I hit a 5-wood over the bunker, which was on the left side of the green short, and I got up and down for birdie. I made about a one-footer, parred in.

I made a really good par save on 18, misjudged the wind and it hit it in the back bunker, and made a really, really good up and down.

Then the second hole, I hit a lob wedge from 58 yards, or something like that, to about seven feet and made that.

The next hole, par-3, hit an 8-iron to about 15 feet and made that.

On 6 I hit a little pitching wedge. I had to lay up. I hit it into a bunker off the tee and made about an eight-footer.

And 9, I hit a 4-iron into the green and 2 putted. Almost made the eagle putt for birdie. A lot more I remembered today.

**Q. Very good. How long were the putts on 9?**

**CRISTIE KERR:** On 9, probably about 45 feet. And then 2-putted.

**Q. Cristie, last year you were in contention, weren't you?**

**CRISTIE KERR:** Yes.

**Q. Is it different this year, are you playing the course better?**

**CRISTIE KERR:** I think I'm playing the course a little bit better. I am a year older. I have got much more experience under my belt. Another Soleheim under my belt. So I look at things a lot differently than I used to. I know I need to stay patient and just play as well as I can. That's all you can really do, right?

**Q. What is the state of your game right now? You seemed to play well toward the end of LA?**

**CRISTIE KERR:** Well, LA that was the first year I made the cut there in three years. So finishing 25th or 26 or something. That course makes you talk to yourself, it is so difficult. It does. So I felt like I played pretty well there.

**Q.** You did play well there?

**CRISTIE KERR:** Before this year I've never shot under 78 there, and I shot two even par rounds this year. So that's a tough course. My game is good. I'm in a good place in my life. I'm happy. I'm at peace with myself, so I just go out and do my work and do the best that I can and that's all that I can ask of myself. Putting excess pressure on yourself does nothing for your off game.

**Q.** Did you always know that, or is that something you learn with experience?

**CRISTIE KERR:** Something you learn with experience. I was No. 1 amateur, No. 1 junior at the same time coming out of high school, turned pro, and I put a lot of pressure on myself, a lot of external forces. It was like either win or you are horrible. I have come a long way since then.

**Q.** Anything else. Thank you.