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Brenda Corrie Kuehn Quick Quotes



Q. In your Round of 32 match, you're two down with two to play. What were you think on that 17th tee?

BRENDA CORRIE KUEHN: Hit the fairway. Because I'm struggling to hit the fairway, so, hit the fairway. Hit the green. And then, you know, see what happens. If I can make a birdie, great. If not, no worse than a par. I just didn't want to shoot myself out of it. I wanted her to have to make a par, have to hit some good shots. Make her win.

Q. You mentioned yesterday that you were struggling off the tee. Was that something you also felt today?

BRENDA CORRIE KUEHN: Yeah. Yeah.

Q. Anything specific going on there?

BRENDA CORRIE KUEHN: That's just always been my nemesis. Hit it great on the range, struggle off the tee on the course.

Q. When you tied it after 18, what were you thinking going into the extra holes?

BRENDA CORRIE KUEHN: Same thing. And I'll tell you what, we both hit really good shots on the first playoff hole. I had about a 6-foot birdie putt, and she had about a 18-footer. I missed it though. Then we got to the second hole, and I hit a really bad drive. I mean, a really bad drive, in the bunker. Then I hit the lip of the bunker, still got out into the fairway, and still had about 75 [feet] in. And I put it in the bunker by the green. I'm done. I mean, I'm

done. And she leaves it just short, on the green in two. I'm in the bunker in three. So she chipped up, didn't put it that close. And I got up-and-down from the bunker. So, I really made a mess out of that hole, but then she made a mess out of the next hole.

Q. After 21 holes, you're facing a three-time champion of this event. Was there anything in particular going through your mind?

BRENDA CORRIE KUEHN: I need to get off the tee. And I need to hit better iron shots. I hit them well on the front, but my game was really struggling on the back. Really struggling off the tee, really fighting to just put it on the fairway on the back nine. But I putted really well this afternoon.

Q. What was working with your putter?

BRENDA CORRIE KUEHN: My speed was really good. The greens are not that difficult for me. I don't want to jinx myself, but I can read them. I had some long putts, and I put them close, to 'gimme' range. I had a lot of 'pick it up' type of putts, I didn't have to make a lot of two-footers, three-footers.

Q. Did you know Lara well? Did you know a lot about her game?

BRENDA CORRIE KUEHN: I had no idea. Never played each other, never played with her. I

knew of her, and I know her, you know, from tournaments. But, I'd never played with her.

Q. In your match against Lara, you built a lead, then she brought it back a bit before you ultimately sealed it. What was that like?

BRENDA CORRIE KUEHN: I was trying to play the course.

Q. Yeah. Remembering what Carol [Semple Thompson] said?

BRENDA CORRIE KUEHN: Yeah. I was trying to just play the course. Make pars, make pars, make pars. And she hit it really close on the par 3 7th for birdie, and then gave me a break when she got in trouble on the next hole, and then the same thing on 10. She gave me a couple of breaks because she was in the desert.

Q. You've mentioned a few times this week how little golf you were playing coming into the championship. Now you're in the quarterfinals. What are your thoughts there?

BRENDA CORRIE KUEHN: You know, to be honest with you, I just want to go out there and hit the ball well. That's all I'm looking for. Just hit good swings, hit the ball well, get comfortable out there and see what happens. That's my goal. Let's see if I can hit the ball how I hit it at home.

Q. How are you going to prepare for tomorrow? Anything specific?

BRENDA CORRIE KUEHN: Rest. I'm going to hit some balls, and then I'm going to rest. I'm tired, I'm really tired. Seven rounds in six days? Let me tell you something, seven rounds is more rounds than I've played in the last three months.