U.S. Girls' Junior

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Clarisa Temelo



Q. Could you walk me through your round today?

CLARISA TEMELO: I started with par, like a 5-foot putt for par. Then I made, it and after that for the first six holes I was just making putts inside 6 feet for par. So I was struggling until hole 8, where I made a bogey, then I bogeyed 9 and 10. After hole 10 I was like 'Okay, I'm three over, I need to concentrate and get it going again.' Then I had a par on 11, birdied 12, parred 13 and on 14 I made a great putt for birdie. Then after that I made pars and one more bogey and that was it.

Q. Did you think the course was more challenging today than it was yesterday?

CLARISA TEMELO: For sure, I think the pins were more difficult today, in difficult positions. A lot of the pins were just in the middle of a slope, so especially short putts it was difficult to hit the proper distance.

Q. It seems like the hole location on No. 9 was challenging today. Was it difficult for you?

CLARISA TEMELO: Yeah, everything was going right. My second shot went in the right rough, and I made a chip that was okay, maybe four feet away. But I had a huge slope, left-to-right, and I didn't make the putt.

Q. Did the greens feel firmer or faster today?

CLARISA TEMELO: I feel like at the beginning they were the same, but then as the round went by the greens were a bit harder. The ball wasn't stopping as much on the green as it was yesterday, and yeah, the slopes were crazy today.

Q. Going into match play tomorrow, how does your approach mentally, or strategically on the course, change or stay the same?

CLARISA TEMELO: These two days I just tried to maintain a peaceful mindset throughout the whole round, but I think tomorrow, since it's match play, I'm going to be more aggressive and just try to win as many holes as possible.