

U.S. Girls' Junior

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Eisenhower Golf Club, Blue Course

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Q. Can you talk me through your round, what you were feeling out on the course?

LOGAN HALE: I was pretty nervous going into that first tee shot, you know, biggest tournament I would say of my junior career. But I feel like I can perform pretty well under pressure like I've done a few times. I feel like my swing is in a pretty good place, so, I just have to relax, smile, laugh it off, and then I ended up hitting that first tee shot pretty well. After that, I fell into a rhythm, I like playing in the morning too. The grass is kind of wet, it's a nice temperature, so I had a pretty good front nine. I think one birdie, one bogey – yeah, I went bogey-birdie on holes 4 and 5 and then parred out from there, which was nice, especially on some of these greens that have tricky pins. I made a few really good two-putts and putts to save par. Then I birdied 10, and then on 11 I was in kind of a trick spot, didn't get up-and-down for par there. I think after that I started trying to think about making par or making birdies, and I think I fell out of my rhythm there for a little bit and had a couple bogeys coming down the stretch. At the end I kind of recollected myself and was able to pull it together to be able to finish with some pars, which was nice.

Q. You mentioned having played the course before. How did it feel today compared to previous rounds?

LOGAN HALE: Definitely, it's in such good condition right now. In my last couple of practice rounds for the last month or so, and when I've played it before, I feel like this course gets some winter damage, and there was nothing out there today. The greens are rolling really true, and it's definitely a long course too, so that makes it a little tricky. You have to put it in the right places. But overall, it's in really great shape. This is the best shape I've ever seen it in, and it's definitely playing at a championship level right now.

Q. Did you feel like over the course of the day, as it got hotter, that might have affected you?

LOGAN HALE: I don't think so, I mean, I don't know how hot it is, but I just came from Texas for high school nationals, where it felt like 115 [degrees]. Heat usually doesn't really bother me. I mean, maybe I could've cracked out the umbrella a few times, but not really, I think I just started getting too in my head.

Q. What's your strategy going into tomorrow, do you feel like you have to do anything differently?

LOGAN HALE: I mean, like I said, on my front end I had a pretty good mindset. I would say I stayed pretty collected throughout the whole day, just, my swing got a little bit tight and fast in there. I think going into tomorrow, just taking what I did on the front nine and on the last holes, just a couple swing thoughts and just staying really calm and collected because, you know, it is a hard course. Some people are going to put up some high scores, and I kept reminding myself of that today. It's not the end of the world. But definitely make some more putts drop and get a little bit closer on a couple holes. And I'm starting on the back nine, which was my tricker nine today, so get that out of the way and then go attack the back. Not really super different, but hopefully it goes a little bit better.