U.S. Senior Women's Amateur

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Martha Leach Quick Quotes



Q: You said yesterday you're going to buy a lottery ticket and not play today if you won...

MARTHA LEACH: I bought a lottery ticket. And I didn't win (the lottery), so I'm playing so if I had won, I wasn't going to play. So the chances were really good that I was going to win the billion dollars last night, but I bought a lottery ticket!

Q: You barely got into Match Play and now you're steamrolling through to the quarterfinals. What's working for you?

MARTHA LEACH: Like Tom (Martha's husband/caddy) said, it was uncharacteristic. The desert is truly penal, I wasn't hitting great shots. The day I shot 88, the winds were gusting and I just haven't played a lot in the gust. I just hit bad shots, putted poorly. My caddy (husband) said everything was bad. He was going to fire *me*! But I'm just playing better right now. I'm hitting a lot of good shots. I hit two bad shots that I lost on 11 and 13- two bad shots I lost for bogeys on those holes. And credit to my opponent, Stacy, birdieing 10 and 12 and winning those other holes when I had bogeys.

Q: Are you approaching Match Play any differently from Stroke Play, strategy-wise?

MARTHA LEACH: I try not to but who cares if you have a bogey on a hole? You might tie the hole. When you're playing in qualifying, a bogey adds up quickly.

Q: You ended up playing 32 holes today. How are you feeling after that?

MARTHA LEACH: Fine. I'm not going to go practice. I'm probably going to go eat an early dinner and then go to bed early.

Q: What's the strategy for tomorrow?

MARTHA LEACH: Hopefully, I can continue hitting it like I have been. I'd like to roll it a little bit better putting, but tomorrow's another day and I hope that I can sneak in there.