

ROUND 1 INTERVIEW
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MADLINE SAGSTROM (-5)

Q. Madeline Sagstrom, great round out there. A great way to start the Women's Australian Open.

MADLINE SAGSTROM: Yeah, thank you. It's just nice to be back in Australia. I started my year last week, so it was nice to get like a week under the belt and now I'm kind of really happy with where my game is heading. It felt good today, so I'm excited. It was fun.

Q. You knocked the rust off a little bit. What was the improvement this week to last?

MADLINE SAGSTROM: I had a rough second day at 13th Beach. I played pretty good the first day, but I couldn't really get the driver in play. That kind of puts you in a lot of bad spots out there. But I wasn't trying to get down on myself because I knew I had a good game in me.

Then today I struck the ball really well, I gave myself a lot of chances and I rolled the putter fairly good, so I made some good ones. I also left out some chances, so I'm excited.

Q. So a couple of early birdies and then a couple of bogeys. How did you sort of stay calm and stay even and bounce back and nail the rest of the five?

MADLINE SAGSTROM: Nobody wins today, we have four rounds of golf. It's a marathon as they say. So I knew just keep doing what I'm doing, I've been practising well this week and I know that I have a good game within me, so I'm just going -- hoping for a low round. If not, just going to play it as it is and just hope for low scores.

Q. Any big highlights out there that we need to know about?

MADLINE SAGSTROM: What did I do? I reached a few par 5s, which was nice. I'm going to remember, I hit a really good like hold-up shot into 12 because that was like a little breeze. I've always been a draw player and when I'm starting to play a little fade cut shot, I'm like, "Oooh." Me and my caddie, we go, "Oooh." So I remember that one.

Q. I can't wait to see the translation on that.

MADLINE SAGSTROM: Ooh.

Q. You're a long way from it, I get that, but what would a win, a breakthrough out here do for you?

MADLINE SAGSTROM: Oh, I mean, that's what everybody plays for every week. I'm really -- this year for me is about taking it one step at a time. I'm trying to be patient. I got a little frustrated at the end of last year and I wanted more. So this year for me, the only thing is one shot, one shot at a time, just one step ahead of the other. I'm not going to try to go too far ahead.

Q. So if I ask you about Solheim, what are you going to tell me?

MADLINE SAGSTROM: Well, I mean, obviously Solheim is a massive goal, but I also know that last Solheim that I made it into, I put way too much pressure on myself in the beginning of the season. So I knew when I let go of that control and wanting to get on that team, I played much better. It's obviously in there, but I mean, if I make it in there, I deserve to play, and if I don't, I've just to practise more.