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Quotes From:

## **ALENA SHARP**

**Q. I think there were a few Edmontonians who didn't know Alena Sharp before the week started, but I think there's a lot of people who do know now. How do you feel now?**

ALENA SHARP: It was amazing. I'm glad I hit it over the water on 18. It would have been horrible if it went in the water. I was just in awe walking up to the green, that many people cheering for me. I've never had that before, and it was a great feeling. I'll never forget it.

**Q. You handled it fairly well. There were a lot of nerves involved in this situation. Were you pretty proud of the way you closed?**

ALENA SHARP: Yeah, I work with Lynn and Pia through Vision 54, and reading their book and going through their exercises they give you to do, it's helped me, and especially this week. I really didn't feel nervous except for that last shot coming into 18 because I was in the rough, I didn't know how the ball was going to react.

I was really surprised at how calm I was today. I just played my game, and I hit some great shots today and I had a couple three-putts, but other than that it was a great round of golf. And to do it on a Sunday here in front of the home crowd, it's an amazing feeling.

**Q. What does this weekend maybe do for your career?**

ALENA SHARP: It's going to definitely give me more confidence. I know that I can be one of the best players out here, and playing alongside Karrie Webb, it was a real treat. I haven't played with a Hall of Famer before. Well, I've played with Juli Inkster, so I guess she's a Hall of Famer. But I was really surprised that I was going to be playing with her today, and I really enjoyed it. She's a nice lady.

**Q. Did the crowd help pull you along? What kind of impact did the crowd have on you throughout the round?**

ALENA SHARP: Yeah, it gave me a lot of adrenaline, and I like playing when I have adrenaline. You don't usually get all these people cheering for you when you're playing in the U.S. being a Canadian, so it was really an amazing feeling.

**Q. So is it easier now as far as you know playing in silence or playing with people screaming?**

ALENA SHARP: I like playing with the crowd watching me. But I can play in silence, too, but I'd rather have people watching.

**Q. Do you want to talk about your game today? A lot of the irons, were they playing well today?**

ALENA SHARP: Yeah, I missed a few greens, but I got up-and-down every time I missed the green. I had two three-putts. I haven't had long putts all weekend, and I hit them a little too hard, but I hit some great shots today. I had a couple tap-in birdies, and those always help.

**Q. Did you hear the drumming, screaming?**

ALENA SHARP: Yeah (laughing).

**Q. How do you --**

ALENA SHARP: You've just got to try and block it out. It was a constant noise, so it wasn't too bad.

**Q. The field as good as it is, does that make it sweeter?**

ALENA SHARP: Yeah, obviously being a Canadian playing in the Canadian Open, it doesn't matter how good the field is. But yes, this is a strong field, and just added fuel to my fire for the rest of this year.

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