

FINAL ROUND INTERVIEW: GABY LOPEZ
Sunday, June 28, 2015



Q Congratulations.

GABY LOPEZ: Thank You.

Q Can You kind of compare the experience this week compared to where you were last year at this time and where your game maybe is a little bit better than it was then?

GABY LOPEZ: Well, I can tell technically my swing is in a better position and my short game is a lot sharper. So I'm feeling comfortable around the greens and getting up and downs from the bunker and from off the green and, you know, mentally I just feel that this was a great experience last year that made me stronger for this year. And the first day I was a little bit nervous, but then I just felt comfortable with my game and was good enough and I think that's a key for this tournament, just believing where I am.

Q Two straight good rounds in the 60s.

GABY LOPEZ: Yeah.

Q Do you feel like you're consistent now, do you feel better about that?

GABY LOPEZ: You know, coming up the week before I wasn't hitting the ball very well, but it's all about how comfortable you feel and everything. So I think I hit my driver as solid as I could and that gave me lot of opportunities to attack the pin. So that was a good moment for me to attack the pin and have a good momentum in the course.

Q Eagle No. 7 coming off that bogey, how much did that boost your confidence going into that back nine?

GABY LOPEZ: Oh, a lot. I was fortunate to have more, a lot more birdies than yesterday just because trying not to (inaudible) but still I was hitting too close and I was not making many birdies. But I think I hit more solid putts today so it's just a matter of falling in or not falling in. It's something that I can control whether it goes in or not, and just keeping up with my stroke and my speed.

Q Played last year in this tournament, you played this year going into the U.S. Open. Where do you feel like your game needs to go to compete out here week after week in the LPGA?

GABY LOPEZ: I don't think it has to go anywhere. I think it's just a matter of consistency and knowing where the ball is going to go before I hit it and hitting good solid putts, that's it. I think I'm good enough to compete against these girls. I have a lot of respect for all of them, but I have a lot of respect for my game also so I think I'm just comfortable where I am today.

Q I know the plan is for you to come back and play your senior year at Arkansas. Would anything change that?

GABY LOPEZ: Well, you never know, winning the U.S. Open is a big moment for me, so I don't know. I can tell you that I love Arkansas and they have given me a lot of things. And at least that's what I can give back, just lead my team to another national championship opportunity and that's where I want to be.