

**FINAL ROUND INTERVIEW: AZAHARA MUNOZ**  
**Sunday, June 28, 2015**



**Q So obviously pretty strong finish. Birdies on 15 through 17. Feeling pretty good right now, aren't you**

**AZAHARA MUNOZ:** Yeah, I played really well all day, but didn't quite make cuts. I just kept -- I'm pretty proud of myself beside I had a really good attitude all the way and I knew I could make birdies coming in and I did. I hit a really good shot on all of them, and 17 I got a bit lucky but sometimes you get lucky. And I made nice putts so that felt really good.

**Q You mentioned your attitude right there and I think after round 1, we talked about your attitude?**

**AZAHARA MUNOZ:** Um-hmm.

**Q You also mentioned that you felt like (inaudible). Do you fee like after a performance like this here you're back?**

**AZAHARA MUNOZ:** You never know, but I think so. As I said on Friday, I'm finally striking the ball really well. And when I don't hit the ball well I feel lost. That's how my game works. So finally I'm hitting good shots. Like today I had two tap-ins and that's when I play good I know I'm going to have one tap-in and then I hit a couple really close like easy birdies and I go to the point that I have 30 footers all day long and I can play having 30 footers. So finally I'm striking the ball good so I think so.

**Q Did you know where you stood heading into 18?**

**AZAHARA MUNOZ:** Sorry?

**Q Did you know where you stood heading into 18?**

**AZAHARA MUNOZ:** Not exactly, to be honest, but I did because we went for it. My caddie said just try to knock it in and make an eagle so I knew.

**Q You had a lot of solid finishes to start the year, then the wrist or the hand thing came. Did that kind of come at a terrible time? I know you really started well, solid finishes each week.**

**AZAHARA MUNOZ:** Yeah, it did come -- that's why I -- well, it's not that why, but that's why I said I started having a really bad attitude, because it happened when I was playing really well and I felt I had such a good off season, I worked really hard and physically I was doing really well. And then all the sudden this happened and it's not just that I could not practice; it was that I could not do anything. So when I came back I was weak, just weird. I was hitting it really short and so, yeah, I felt -- I mean I felt terrible like kind of unlucky, why did this happen to me. But you know everything happens for a reason so, you know, normally the year for me is really long

and I struggle at the end of the season so maybe this was good and now I don't struggle at the end. You just never know.

**Q What was the toughest thing to get back, was it the touch around the greens or was it the ball striking?**

**AZAHARA MUNOZ:** For me it was the ball striking. It still hurts. I mean, as you see it's pretty thick. But at the beginning when it hurt, it hurt all around it. So I convinced myself that it wouldn't matter, but it still matters. When you ball goes in the rough, you're still hitting it. Or I have a bad lie and you're still hitting it. So I think the ball striking was the worst. but I also lost a lot of the touch around the greens.

**Q Wish this was a four-day tournament now?**

**AZAHARA MUNOZ:** You know what, I'm happy with a three-day event. I've come a long way so I'm happy.

**Q How will you spend the next week preparing for the U.S. Women's Open?**

**AZAHARA MUNOZ:** I think I'm going to take probably well Monday and Tuesday and probably Wednesday off and try to give my hand a little bit of a rest and do some wedding planning and go back to work on Thursday.

**Q How stressful is the wedding planning with trying to play professional golf right now?**

**AZAHARA MUNOZ:** It's not very stressful. I'm really lucky I've got my mom helping me a lot. Tim is being great and Tim's mom is on it and everybody is on it but me I think so they're all on my case making sure I do stuff. So it hasn't been terrible.

**Q When's the wedding?**

**AZAHARA MUNOZ:** December 19th.

**Q Okay. Found a dress yet?**

**AZAHARA MUNOZ:** Yeah, I found it in December. I did it super early because I wanted to do it with my mom and I'll only going to be back for a few days after the British and a few days after Solheim, so I wanted to do it early.

**Q In the States --**

**AZAHARA MUNOZ:** Yeah.

**Q In the States or in Spain, where's the wedding?**

**AZAHARA MUNOZ:** My hometown, yeah.

**Q Very cool.**

**Q What do you do now?**

**AZAHARA MUNOZ:** Well, I'm going to go see -- all my (inaudible) group is here, so I'll just sit with them and see what happens, relax a bit.

**Q What was the exact hand injury?**

**AZAHARA MUNOZ:** They just found a tumor and it was wrapped around the nerves. It was pretty inside, like you couldn't see anything but it kept swelling up.

**Q Benign though?**

**AZAHARA MUNOZ:** Benign.

**Q When did you notice it?**

**AZAHARA MUNOZ:** So now I know, the first time it happened was in December. Everything went purple like blood, but I thought it was a bruise and I thought that was weird, how did it happen so quick. Normally a bruise takes a day or something. And then you hurt so badly, like the nerve. And then it happened again before going to Thailand and the same thing happened, like blood everywhere and it would hurt a lot, shooting pain. And then it happened in Thailand on the third round on the second hole. Then is the first time it swelled up like crazy. Like all the sudden I had a hole here and I think it's because everything inside was getting more and more sensitive so it was getting worse. But, you know, I didn't think any of it and I took the medical 30 minutes or whatever and then I was like, whatever, it's nothing. But then I go and the first day I go back to practice, again, so I'm like I think something is wrong here.

**Q Okay.**

