

# CPKC Women's Open

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Mississauga Golf & Country Club

## Aphrodite Deng

### Quick Quotes



**Q. You're right in the hunt of this tournament. How does it feel?**

APHRODITE DENG: Yeah, it feels really great. Today played pretty tough because of the wind.

**Q. What was working for you today? What was your best club in the bag?**

APHRODITE DENG: Probably my putting, but just like trying to save every shot that I didn't hit good.

**Q. Did it take you a long time to feel comfortable out there today or right from the first tee?**

APHRODITE DENG: Probably just right from the first tee.

**Q. What is it about this golf course that you're able to play so well?**

APHRODITE DENG: The greens. The speed I get really nice and my pitching here is good, so any time I get in a bad spot I just have to get out in the fairway.

**Q. Did you notice the crowd getting bigger and bigger throughout the day?**

APHRODITE DENG: Yeah, there was quite a few people out there.

**Q. Did that make you nervous or help you?**

APHRODITE DENG: No, it is really nice to have so many people supporting me.

**Q. At one point there was a leaderboard up there that had Brooke Henderson first and Aphrodite Deng second. I don't know if you had a chance to see that. What would it mean for you to be in the hunt alongside Brooke Henderson tomorrow, on Sunday?**

APHRODITE DENG: That would be really cool and means a lot.

**Q. Is Brooke Henderson your idol?**

APHRODITE DENG: Yeah, one of them.

**Q. What are you going to do tomorrow? Got a game plan or just come out and play look you did today?**

APHRODITE DENG: Probably just hit more fairways and greens.

**Q. Okay, here with Aphrodite Deng after the third round at the CPKC Women's Open. Just talk about how today went for you and what you saw went well in your game.**

APHRODITE DENG: Today was pretty solid. Just like whenever I hit it out of position I tried to get it back into position. My putting was pretty good.

**Q. Congrats on another great round. What's the past three days been like for you? Has it been exciting? Overwhelming?**

APHRODITE DENG: Yeah, it's been incredible with all the people out here supporting me and it's been really fun.

**Q. Curious, what is some of the best advice you've gotten over the course of this week, whether from your mom, coach, caddie, or maybe some of the other golfers?**

APHRODITE DENG: Probably play my own game and play to my standards.

**Q. Wondering, after yesterday's round did you change anything in your approach that made you successful today?**

APHRODITE DENG: Yeah. I tried to hit more fairways because yesterday I missed a lot of fairways. So, yeah.

**Q. After you have a round like you did yesterday, is it -- do you go right to the range and work on something sore take a break and figure out what you need to**



improve?

APHRODITE DENG: Yeah, I went right to the rank yesterday because I knew it was my driver that was putting me in bad spots.

**Q. As you look forward to tomorrow, what are you going to do tonight? How will you prepare for the final round?**

APHRODITE DENG: Probably putt and hit a few and just rest.

**Q. I wonder how old you were when you first picked up a golf club; like how old were you. Do you remember?**

APHRODITE DENG: Yeah, I was nine and a half.

**Q. What did you love about golf? Why did you stick with it?**

APHRODITE DENG: I just thought it was pretty cool. It's outdoors and nice.

**Q. You were a figure skater first?**

APHRODITE DENG: Yeah.

**Q. Why was it golf drew you in from figure skating?**

APHRODITE DENG: Well, COVID hit so I had to find a sport outdoors.

**Q. Aphrodite, another excellent round out there at Mississauga. What was the best part of your game today do you think?**

APHRODITE DENG: Probably my putting and just trying to save up and down.

**Q. I heard you worked on your driver a little bit yesterday into today. What was the thing you were trying to work on with the driver?**

APHRODITE DENG: My driver plane was getting a little flat so I was trying to get a little higher.

**Q. Hitting fairways, is that one of your strengths usually as you try to approach the green to make more birdies? Is that a strong part of your game?**

APHRODITE DENG: Yeah, usually it's good, but this week it hasn't been as good.

**Q. Still scoring well. What's been the key to making the birdies on the scorecard out there?**

APHRODITE DENG: Probably just making putts. If I got into a bad spot I would just get it out on the fairway.

**Q. Is there something about the greens that really agree with you and the speed of the greens out here?**

APHRODITE DENG: Yeah, my distance control here is pretty good. Yeah.

**Q. Are you having fun out here?**

APHRODITE DENG: Yeah, I'm having a lot of the if you know.

**Q. The summertime has been so great for you with a lot of really, really good results. What would it mean to have another awesome result here at Canada's national open?**

APHRODITE DENG: Yeah, it would be so fun to add on to my summer.

**Q. I understand you were a figure skater growing up.**

APHRODITE DENG: Yeah.

**Q. Anything about figure skating that you applied to your golf swing now?**

APHRODITE DENG: Not really. I kind of stopped a long time ago and haven't really figure skated in a while.

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