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### INTERVIEW OF AZAHARA MUNOZ

HEATHER DALY-DONOFRIO: We are here with Azahara Munoz, can you talk a little bit about your round?

**AZAHARA MUNOZ:** Thank you. Well, first of all, I want to thank Wegmans for hosting the tournament. We really appreciate it. Well, I played much better than yesterday. I hit a lot of fairways except for the last two. So my game was easy. I didn't make as many putts as yesterday but overall I played really well.

HEATHER DALY-DONOFRIO: Are you aware the last two LPGA tournaments were won by rookies?

**AZAHARA MUNOZ:** Yes I heard that, but Cristie is eight shots ahead. I don't think it's going to be reachable but I will give it a try.

HEATHER DALY-DONOFRIO: Questions?

Q. What were your expectations coming into this?

**AZAHARA MUNOZ:** I never like setting goals for myself, I just want to go out there and have fun. It my first Major as a pro. I just want to have a good time.

Q. Are you?

**AZAHARA MUNOZ:** Yes, I'm loving it, yes.

Q. Can you tell us a little bit what it was like to play in this kind of weather today, the last hour and a half here? What does that do to your game?

**AZAHARA MUNOZ:** It wasn't actually that bad. You know, it was never raining so bad that I had to pull my rain jacket or anything. So I don't think it really affected much.

Q. You pretty much realize eight shots is going to be kind of a miracle comeback?

**AZAHARA MUNOZ:** Yes, probably.

Q. What do you do with it in that situation, you just go out, knowing that she is probably out of reach, how do you keep moving forward?

**AZAHARA MUNOZ:** Every day I go out there I just want to play the best I can today. Tomorrow I'm going to do the same. I'm just going to try to shoot as low as I can go and see what happens.

Q. Have you ever played with Cristie? What is your impression of what she's doing this week?

**AZAHARA MUNOZ:** She is certainly playing amazing. I want to ask her what's the secret because 13-under is pretty nice out here. It's playing tough so she is playing great.

Q. Can you tell us about what your goals are as a rookie this season, you are doing really well, you are sniffing at Amanda's heels in the rankings, what are your goals for your first season?

**AZAHARA MUNOZ:** Just t my goal is to be Rookie-of-the-Year, but it's not something that obsesses me, you know. As I said before, every day I go out there, I just want to play my best and if she plays better than me then congratulations to her.

Q. Given your resume, some of the things that you 've accomplished, how high are your expectations your first full year?

**AZAHARA MUNOZ:** I don't know. I mean, I said it before, I don't really set goals for myself. I'm playing really well and hopefully I keep it going and that's all I'm thinking about.

Q. Do you have any particular rituals or superstitions that you have?

**AZAHARA MUNOZ:** No, no.

Q. Nothing you want to tell us?

**AZAHARA MUNOZ:** No, nothing really, no. I don't have anything.

Q. A broken tee, sometimes I see you take a broken tee?

**AZAHARA MUNOZ:** Just for the par-3s.

Q. I didn't know if that was one of those rituals.

**AZAHARA MUNOZ:** I do that if I hit a good shot with a broken tee then I keep it for the next.

Q. We are a goal obsessive culture, why don't you have any?

**AZAHARA MUNOZ:** Because I'm from Spain, and we are pretty laid back, just have a good time and that's good enough. I was brought up that way.

When I talk to my parents they only care if I'm upset. As long as I am happy, they are happy. That's the way I was brought up.

HEATHER DALY-DONOFRIO: Your parents don't play golf, correct?

**AZAHARA MUNOZ:** No, they don't, I'm the only one in my family.

Q. How did that happen, how did you start?

**AZAHARA MUNOZ:** They built a driving range in my hometown, I was 7 at the time. And I started going with my two best friends, they are two brothers, so we started going the three of us just for fun, and I liked it so I kept playing.

Q. Most rookies, when they first come out, especially if they are not from the United States have a tough time adjusting to life on Tour. You seem to have no problem at all and, you are doing really well, what's your secret? You didn't miss a cut so far this season.

**AZAHARA MUNOZ:** I played four years in college so I think that helped. I know the language. I don't know a lot of people, but I know pretty much all of the rookies and some of the veterans. I adjust myself very easy. I'm very easy going. So I think that's why.

Q. At the Match Play you did some TV work, did you see it and did it get played over in Spain by any chance and how did you like it?

**AZAHARA MUNOZ:** It didn't get played over in Spain. I saw a little bit. When I got back to the house I saw the highlights and stuff. I guess I liked it. It's kind of awkward to see yourself on TV but it was good. It was good fun.

HEATHER DALY-DONOFRIO: Thank you.

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