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AN INTERVIEW WITH ANNIKA SORENSTAM

MIKE SCANLAN: Annika, thanks for coming in. A nice round out there. You got to 6-under, just talk about your day.

ANNIKA SORENSTAM: I'm very pleased. I thought I played well today. I had a lot of chances. I hit some good shots that were close, too. Almost tap-in for birdies. Again just consistency, fairways and greens. It's a little easier when you know the golf course. And today I learned from yesterday.

Q. You seem really dialed in with your irons, with distance control, especially on your run on the back 9, can you talk about you mentioned you were close today?

ANNIKA SORENSTAM: Yes. I definitely was. I hit some good shots. I was just trying to hit not necessarily three-quarters, but just going for rhythm today. I didn't really have long shots in. They were wedges, 9-irons and so forth.

And then 14 I hit an 8-iron. It was almost a hole-in-one. It's the closest I've been in a long time. So that's the thing on this golf course, you need to be precise with your irons and you need some good breaks around the green so that you end up on the right tier and on the right side of the pin.

Q. How do you play the undulations on the greens when you are hitting your approach shots, do you use the ridges to feed it in?

ANNIKA SORENSTAM: I try to go straight at it. Yes, I really do. I think there are so many of them, they are so steep, I really don't know how to work with them. Maybe that will be the next trick. I just wanted to take good shots and see what happens.

Q. Just talk about being back in contention, you got yourself in good position for the weekend?

ANNIKA SORENSTAM: Yes. Of course, I'm happy about that. It's only Friday. But I'm thrilled that I had two good rounds. Yesterday was good, but I felt like I could have had a few more. This is the way I feel about my game. I had chances. Today I just made one bogey. Yesterday two, I believe. So I'm staying away from bogeys which really is the last 15 months. I've had so many bogeys it's just been very uncharacteristic. Now it's fairways, greens, birdies, or just tap-ins, so I feel good about that.

Q. You've had at least one win on Tour every year since '95, obviously you have a couple of chances to keep that streak alive, how much are you thinking about that? Are you thinking about that, that's obviously a big streak.

ANNIKA SORENSTAM: It is a big one. Like we talked about yesterday, this year is just so different. I think I would care if I would have had a normal season and wouldn't win. This year I played 11 tournaments. And about half of them I haven't been competitive so that really gives me six tournaments to try to win, and that's not so easy.

So I'll do my best, and would love to continue the streak, but I'm not going to be too hard on myself because the competition is out there, and if you only had five or six tournaments trying to win, it's no guarantee.

Q. You mentioned on T.V. you worked on your chipping some yesterday and that paid off today on 13, you had a great shot on 13?

ANNIKA SORENSTAM: Yes. I think the Bermuda grass is just very. I have to be so precise, especially with these undulations. It's inches from being great or 20 feet away.

So I just practice on that, I think I'm going to continue to have the feel. It's better. It's getting there.

Q. Obviously you learned more about the course today, you will be a little more familiar with it and Sunday too.

ANNIKA SORENSTAM: Yes, a little bit more knowledge. Today I felt very comfortable on the tees knowing where to go. Also I'm taking a good look on the greens when I'm around there to try to refresh my memory, and then also finding it out for tomorrow on how to play it, even though I try to play straight at it, do you play straight at it lock or do you play straight at it short? I'm trying to get a good feel for the course when I'm up there.

Q. I guess you haven't gone through your card. The bogey on 17 kind of stopped your momentum a little bit, but you still have to feel good about your position?

ANNIKA SORENSTAM: Yes, it wasn't that hard of a tee shot. It just ended up way down on the right. I chipped it up and 2-putted.

I can go through the card if you like.

The first hole I hit pitching wedge to ten feet.

No. 3, sand wedge to 8 feet.

Bogey No. 9. I did get a good break there, I hit a tee shot to the

right and it kicked out in the fairway. I had a long ways to go.
I was just short of the green. I chipped and 2-putted from 8 feet.
No. 10, birdie, 9-iron to 4 feet.
No. 11, sand wedge to five feet.
13, we talked about.
14, 8-iron to an inch or so. It was very close.
16, I hit 5-iron to the green, 2-putted from 13 feet.
17, 8-iron, chipped, 2-putt. Well, the first putt was 18 feet.

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