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First-round tournament quotes

AN INTERVIEW WITH ANGELA PARK

PAM WARNER: We are joined by LPGA Rookie-of-the-Year Angela Park who has a one-shot lead at 5-under. Angela, can you start with some opening comments on your day today?

ANGELA PARK: I started off really well. Obviously as you guys all know, birdie birdie, birdie start. I don't know. I think knowing the course out here and playing it a couple of times gave me a little bit of an advantage. Knowing where the mounds were. Knowing where I could miss it and still be okay. I think that was the key today.

I hit really good putts out there and I mean I'm striking the ball very well. I was a little nervous on the tee playing with Michelle Wie, but I made it through. I'm happy to be here.

PAM WARNER: Can we go over your scorecard?

ANGELA PARK: Great. Birdie on 1, 2, 3.

PAM WARNER: On 1, what did you hit?

ANGELA PARK: 5-iron to about ten feet.

2, 8-iron to about ten feet.

3, a lob-wedge to about a foot, 4. Par, par.

Birdie on 6. I hit a 6-iron to about 7 feet.

Then I bogeyed No. 9, I actually got up and down for that. I hit it in the right bunker. I hit it to thin.

And then it went to the other bunker, it was like impossible. I was like, oh my God I'm going to get double. I hit it to about 15 feet, okay, I got to make it. My caddy is like, "just put it in." So I hit it and it went in. That was a great bogey.

11, birdie, I hit a 5-iron to about two feet.

13, I bogeyed the par-3. I shortsided myself on the right side. I hit a great bunker shot but I missed another 7-footer.

On 17, I probably made 35 feet. I hit, I think, rescue into the green.

18, I had about a 25-footer, and I hit an 8-iron to the green.

PAM WARNER: Questions?

Q. Is this the 5th tournament you've lead after the first round? Is there something about first rounds for you?

ANGELA PARK: See I didn't know that stat. Thanks for reminding me of that. I was trying to forget about it. I don't know, I feel really comfortable. I just play as I have nothing to lose, and all of these girls, I feel like they are so much better than me, so I come out here and grind it out.

Q. Did you see the course for the first time this week?

ANGELA PARK: Yes. I took last week off. But obviously I wasn't able to play as an LPGA rule. So this was my first time this week, yes.

Q. What do you think about it? What struck you about the course when you first saw it?

ANGELA PARK: Well, when I first saw it I totally thought, well, this is basically is a long hitter's course because the greens are so wide, and the fairways are really wide. But I hope I prove them wrong this week.

Q. Angela, what does it mean to be part of such an elite field so early on in your career?

ANGELA PARK: It means a lot to me. I don't know how to describe the feeling coming out here. Obviously having to be one of the Top-20 elite members of women's golf, is a very priceless experience and especially to be the only rookie out here gives me great pride and gives me a lot of confidence.

Q. You said you were a little nervous playing with Michelle, was that because of the crowd or just because it was Michelle?

ANGELA PARK: I think a little bit of both. I was shaking out there. I don't know why. I was like calm down, calm down. I was praying, I'm like, God help me. I think it was a little bit of both, yes.

Q. Angela, did you envision your rookie season going this well? Was there any indication you thought this was going to be?

ANGELA PARK: I don't know. I don't think anyone actually expects themselves to do very well. I think all of the hard work that my parents put in and all of the hard work that I put into golf sooner or later it would pay off, and I'm glad that it was this year.

Q. As far as goals for this year, what did you have? Just getting better each tournament, was it making cuts, or was it Top-10's?

ANGELA PARK: Well, if you're asking what my goals were this year, Rookie-of-the-Year, winning a tournament out here, and not missing any cuts. I missed one cut so far. The next tournament they don't have cuts, so I think I'm good on that one. I only have one left and hopefully I could manage that.

Q. Based on the scoring, maybe Michelle was nervous playing with you? Did you pay much attention to what her problems were going on out there today?

ANGELA PARK: No, it was because of her that I played a little bit better than I expected of myself because I just tried to focus on my own game. I knew she had her own things going on. I wasn't looking at her swing. I wasn't really focusing on what she was doing. I just kept focused on myself exactly.

Q. You never played with her before?

ANGELA PARK: Yes, I have, twice. Let's not talk about that. I played with her in the Public Links and U.S. Amateur.

Q. You mentioned you played with her a few times before this event. Oh, you haven't. What about this course, does it set up well for you? What do you feel helps you? You shot 5-under, what was going for you?

ANGELA PARK: Like I said, I'm hitting the ball very well. I missed one fairway, I think. I mean I'm hitting the ball very well and I am putting very well and I feel comfortable on these greens as I said before. I think a little bit of luck and little bit of comfortness out on the course is helping me a lot today.

PAM WARNER: Any other questions? Thank you, Angela

ANGELA PARK: Thank you.
