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Pre-round quotes:

**INTERVIEW OF BOO WEEKLEY**

MARK STEVENS: We would like to welcome Boo Weekley. Boo, you had a couple of weeks off, you probably did a lot of hunting, if you want to talk about what you have been doing and your thoughts about the Ryder Cup which is coming up. Obviously, you were a big part of the last one. Your thoughts about that. And then, of course, a little something about playing this week and getting started on the fall series.

**BOO WEEKLEY:** I've done nothing. I've been hunting a little bit. I ain't played a whole lot of golf. The Ryder Cup, it's going to be interesting to see. I like our chances. I really do. I like the boys that are over there playing, with Tiger being there and Phil being there, a lot of the rookies. You never know what those rookies are going to do.

I was one two years ago, and it proves you never know what's going to happen. I'm thinking, when they go over there this year they ain't going to have much expectations again. I think they will be able to show a little better.

MARK STEVENS: And then your thoughts, this first event of the fall series. Obviously we were rained out last year. Your thoughts about coming back to this course.

**BOO WEEKLEY:** Last year, I wasn't going to be here anyway. I was still kind of hurting. But I hated to here that last year they got rained out. This year, I just played nine holes this morning. The golf course is real good shape, the greens look super. They got a lot of speed to them. I'm going to be curious to see if they can slow them down a little bit. If they speed them up, it's going to get crazy. As the week goes on, the greens will get a little

firmer. It's a little soft out there right now. It's what we are used to playing on at this time of the year. It's going to be a good tournament. It is always a great place to come and play. For me, especially, because I can relate to a lot of the people that live here. We kind of speak a lot of the same language and eat a lot of the same foods. It's just always a great event to be able to come here and play. Randy and them put on a real good job. The title sponsor Viking, and all of that, it's a pleasure to have them aboard with PGA TOUR.

Q. Can you speak about the Ryder Cup experience? Do you watch that on TV? Can you give us your thoughts on what the Ryder Cup is all about?

**BOO WEEKLEY:** For me, besides having my two kids, it was the greatest moment of my golfing career. I want to get back to where I felt like I belong back out there again, you know, playing for the Ryder Cup team and not just playing for them, but you are actually playing for the whole United States. Our game is always built, every week we play for ourselves, it's always an individual sport, individual this. You always take care of what you got in front of you. But when you're out there playing in the Ryder Cup, you are pulling so hard for your fellow opponents (sic). The first two matches, I didn't play the morning matches where it was like Furyk and Kenny Perry played in Match Play. Not Match Play, but best ball. It was a two-some. Whatever it was, they played that morning. And I got out there early to watch and just been around it just to see the whole atmosphere, the way the crowd was behind us. I think that's something that's going to hurt a little bit over there, we ain't going to have the bigger crowd. We ain't going to have the people. But at the same time they know the people back home will be pulling for them like I am.

Q. What does it take to get back there? I know you have had injuries. Are you healthy now? Are you playing back to where you want to be?

**BOO WEEKLEY:** I'm going to play these next two weeks. I'm healthy. But I still don't think my game is at the level that I had it before I got hurt. I got hurt at TPC. I was pretty much on top of my game during that time. Unfortunately I hurt myself. But I think that I'm going to play the next two weeks like I said and the take the rest of the year off and work on a lot of my fundamentals. I got into a lot of bad habits with my shoulder being hurt. I'm having to go back now and relook at all of the stuff when I was swinging good, having to reinvent it back to my swing again is more or less what I'm having to do.

Q. Can you speak about injuries and how they impact a golfer? I think the casual sports fan sees football players getting their

heads knocked off; talk about how one little injury can affect a golfer so much. What it can do to you?

**BOO WEEKLEY:** Mostly when a golfer gets an injury, it's more of a belief thing. You're losing your strategy and what you are trying to move or do out there. You got to more or less manipulate your swing to make yourself do something different. It's all about believing in what you're doing. You lose all of that. And here you go struggling. It's like a downward spiral from there. It's like you hit one bad shot, and you start hitting another one, and then all right maybe I can maintain just part my your swing, and all of a sudden you make two or three good swings, swinging it a different way where it don't hurt you.

Then all of a sudden that gets out of sync. Your timing is off. It's crazy. It ain't lake you throw the football, if you get run over, you get run over, you get up and shake it off. Or you get hit by a pitch, or something like that, grant it, it hurts. Every professional deals with an ailment.

Q. Yours was a shoulder, was it a rotator cuff?

**BOO WEEKLEY:** Labrum. I tore my labrum.

Q. And you did not have surgery, right?

**BOO WEEKLEY:** No, sir.

Q. Just played through it?

**BOO WEEKLEY:** Played through it.

Q. Did you get some bad habits because of it?

**BOO WEEKLEY:** Oh, yes, bad swing habits. I got to where I wasn't turning. My upper body wasn't turning as much because I couldn't actually stretch my whole left side, because I tore it on my left side. But I couldn't actually stretch myself, you know, make a full turn into the ball. I was using more upper body strength. I just took it so far and that's the farthest I was going with it.

Q. Will you watch the Ryder Cup? It comes on really early in the morning?

**BOO WEEKLEY:** I'm not much of a golf watcher. I will pull it up on the internet and see how we're doing. If they show it on a replay or something like that. I'm curious to see because I want our boys to win, of course. But I ain't going to get up at three or four in the morning to watch golf. That's just ain't going to happen.

Q. How much does it tear at you to not be there, or is it just part of what you guys go through; the ups and downs of a pro golfer?

One day you're there, the next you're not; how do you handle it?

**BOO WEEKLEY:** It aggravates me not being there if you want to know the truth. It falls back on being hurt. You can't have so many excuses. You got to prove your point and get on up there and get with it. It aggravates me, knowing I'm the top 30, top 20 player in the world easily when I'm healthy. I am getting there. Now I

got to work on getting myself back there. It's just aggravating. It is so aggravating.

Q. Can you recount the fun that you had at Valhalla?

**BOO WEEKLEY:** I can tell you everything you want to know. What shot. We ain't got time. I can't tell you what I was thinking. I can tell you what shot. I think that's a lot of what happens. I ain't going to say for me, but a lot of the players, we go through similar ups and downs. If you have one good year, you always keep that good stuff in your mind. That's what you want to be positive about.

When you come out, and you start off the year, and you make 6 cuts or 5 cuts. And the year before that is when you played real good on those golf courses. You're like, man, what's going on? I am hitting it the same. I'm doing everything the same. The course management is the same. It's just not happening. It's just part of golf. That's why golf is a 4-letter word. Plus it's just the hardest game to play.

Q. The Happy Gilmore moment was the one that everyone seen replayed over and over and over, that was 10, 15, 20, 30 seconds; you had fun for three or four days, didn't you?

**BOO WEEKLEY:** I had fun the whole week. I can honestly say this -- I may have to go see a psychiatrist, I don't know. But if I could every just figure out how I get my mindset back that whole week, I feel like I could play. I could win every event. Seriously, that's how good I felt when I stood over the golf ball. Or that's how good I felt when I was walking down the fairway whether I hit a bad shot. All right, I know I hit a bad shot, I know I'm going to get this up and down. Ain't nobody going to stop me from getting this up and down.

If there is a way that you can bottle all of that up, and every night you take a swig of a drink that gives you that Mojo where you can feel like that, I think everybody out here would be like that, you know.

I don't see how Tiger Woods did it and does it. I mean, I don't. Arnold Palmer, Jack Nicklaus, Lee Trevino, all of those guys that won those events, that's one thing. Here this guy is, he is playing in a different era. Where back then there was 7 or 10 outstanding players. Now you got 25, 30, 40 guys in the world that shows up in any minute that could win. It's just amazing to me.

Q. Thank you, Boo, good luck this week.

**BOO WEEKLEY:** I appreciate it. Thank you all.

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