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AN INTERVIEW WITH RICKY BARNES

(Quick-quotes.)

Q. Just a couple of questions, talk about your round.

RICKY BARNES: I got off to a great start. I actually hit it about six feet on the first hole and missed it. And then it was just a matter of time before I started making them. So I had a great front nine. I think I missed one fairway, and I even hit the green with that, and I had a chance at birdie. I just gave myself a lot of opportunities out there, especially the first 13 holes. I hit a couple of bad shots but got out of trouble on this front nine, and I think I had -- I mean I made a good putt on 18. Other than that -- I don't think I had, you know, a birdie putt that I made over ten feet or something.

Q. What was the key to the round?

RICKY BARNES: You know, keeping it in the fairway. It's tough to attack these pins out of rough, and that's where I made my birdies. If you hit the fairways you are able to attack pins, and I did it on the front nine.

Q. Only one birdie on the back, was that a lot to do the wind?

A. Yes, it was playing a little tough. I had a lot of opportunities on one and two and didn't make them. I hit a 3-iron over the green on 2 and didn't make birdie. You know, I had plenty of chances out there, you know, to, actually go lower, and I had as close as a lip-in as I can get (Inaudible) on 9 to get one more.

Q. How disappointing was that, not making a birdie on 2?

RICKY BARNES: Well, yes, I just had a roll-in, you know. I had a good look on one. And 2, that's where, you know, you can let things get to you. I hit a great shot and it lands on the green and rolls over and you don't make a birdie. That's where you need to make it. That's where you score out here, par-5s.

Q. How about getting out of trouble, how crucial was that for you when you talk about getting things going?

RICKY BARNES: Yes, you know, I am just missing the fairway. I just want to hit it in the middle of the fairway, take my 2 putt and get out of there. Both times that I did, I hit it in the middle of the green, got my 2 putt and got out of there.

Q. Which hole was that?

RICKY BARNES: 4. That's all it was was pretty much 4. I missed the green on three and got up and down which was a really good up and down.

Q. A sand trap?

A. Yes.

(END OF QUICK-QUOTES.)

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