

Viking Classic
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Pre-round quotes:

INTERVIEW OF CHAD CAMPBELL

MARK STEVENS: I would like to welcome Chad Campbell to the interview room.

Chad, you just got done playing 18, I know, if you want to talk a little bit about the course, and as the past champion, talk about what it means to come back to the Viking Classic?

CHAD CAMPBELL: Yes, the course is in great shape. Obviously from last clear, it's nice to have good weather. It's supposed to stay good all week. The course is pretty firm. The greens are firm and quick and it should be a good week. You know definitely glad, happy to be back here. Always enjoy coming to Jackson and playing in the Viking Classic. It's been good to me over the past, you know, 6, 7, 8 years. And I have had good weeks here and hope we can play well this week.

Q. Chad, how about the fine line of being on the Ryder Cup team and being here. Two years ago you were on the Ryder Cup team, now you are back here. Boo Weekley, the same thing. Talk about how close it is, what it takes to be there and what you have to do to get back there?

CHAD CAMPBELL: Right. Yes, you got to play well to make that team. It's a tough thing to make. It's definitely one you have on your schedule hoping to make every other year. Even though I'm disappointed I wasn't on the team, I definitely didn't deserve to be on the team, but I'm happy to be here. I'm happy to be here playing. You know, like you said, a couple of good finishes, you never know what's going to happen, so it is what somewhat of a fine line.

Q. Can you recall some of your memories from Valhalla and what it meant as a team and what it meant for yourself playing in that?

CHAD CAMPBELL: Yes, fantastic. Especially being in the 2 prior ones before that, and being on the bad side of those, to go to Valhalla and get the win. It was just a special week. We played really well as a team. It's just a great week.

Q. We had Boo in here earlier, what was Boo like that week? What was it like being around him and some of the things he did? He kind of became the star, the hit of the show, what was he like?

CHAD CAMPBELL: Oh, he is great. Me and Boo have been pretty good friends here for quite a few years now. Him on that team, I think, was great. He is not serious all the time, obviously. People that know him know he has a pretty good sense of humor and has got some good jokes. He keeps things loose. You know, he is definitely a big part of that Ryder Cup in '08.

Q. Talk a little bit more about the course, the set up. I talked to Randy Watkins and he said that he prefers it like this. This will make it a better test of golf. Explains what he means by that when it's firm and fast and a better test?

CHAD CAMPBELL: You have to hit better shots. You have to be in the fairway. When the greens are soft, you can play out of the rough and keep the ball on the green. You can still keep them on the greens, but it's tough when your out of the rough. You got to get the ball in the fairway and keep it in the fairway. It makes your approach shot not easy, but easier. When you start coming out of the Bermuda rough, it's hard to judge Bermuda rough. And even around the greens, the 3 inch Bermuda rough is the some of the toughest rough to play out of.

Q. Do you think it's fair?

CHAD CAMPBELL: Very fair, absolutely. I think everybody in the field likes to see it firm and fast like this. I think everybody is happy with the way the course is. You know, it's definitely going to be a good test. You got to keep your ball in the short grass.

Q. Recount what it was like last year?

CHAD CAMPBELL: I don't know if anybody wants to go back there. Yes, it was tough. It was so much rain. I felt bad for everybody here that worked so hard to get the tournament ready and the golf course, and you had like 8 or 10 inches of rain in two days, something like that, crazy. There was just no way to play golf. We played in the Pro-Am and you couldn't even really play. It's disappointing. Everybody here was disappointed. I'm just glad to have a good week this year with some good weather.

Q. How is your game coming in, how do you feel about the way you're playing

CHAD CAMPBELL: You know I had three weeks off, obviously. It's been nice to be at home. I practiced a little bit. It's kind of hard to tell right now. I didn't play that much at home. So hopefully I'm going to play well. I love the golf course. It's definitely positive. So get some work in tomorrow and be able to go on Thursday.

Q. When players say they love a golf course I hear that a lot from different players at different courses, what is it about this course that suits you in your game?

CHAD CAMPBELL: I think it's an enjoyable course. It's very fair. You hit good shots, you get rewarded. Pretty much that. It fits my eye. I see a lot of the holes. They look good to me. The tee shots look good to me. Or the approach shots look good to me. It's just a fitting course for me.

Q. (Inaudible)?

CHAD CAMPBELL: I think so, definitely. Everybody felt bad for all of the people here in Jackson that support the tournament so well. Not being able to have a tournament and have to wait two years to see golf again. It should be a good year this year. I know the weather is going to hold up for us this year.

MARK STEVENS: Thank you. Good luck this week.

CHAD CAMPBELL: Okay.

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