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**Third-round leader quotes**

**AN INTERVIEW WITH CHRIS DIMARCO**

THE MODERATOR: Thank you, Chris, for joining us. We'll get you out of here. I know it's been a long day. Just talk about the front nine today and the fact that you have to come back tomorrow and play 26 holes.

CHRIS DIMARCO: Well, I'm very happy that we got 10 holes in today. That saves my legs a lot tomorrow, so 26 holes is fine.

You know, we got really a break I thought. It was a little windy going out, but the first four holes played kind of downwind and helping, and it kind of slowed down the last three or four holes and it really was nice out there.

I played nice. I got off to a great start birdieing the first hole and made a great birdie on four. And birdied 7 and 8 back-to-back. So being 4-under right now I'm very happy.

THE MODERATOR: Questions?

Q. How tough was it this morning?

CHRIS DIMARCO: Actually, it wasn't really bad, I got up at 10, which was nice. I went down and ate breakfast to like 12, 12:30, which we have a bunch of people in town, and then went back to the room and relaxed until 2, showered up and came back out here at 3. It wasn't bad. It was better that I wasn't out here. If you are out here, it's a lot tougher sitting around, sitting around, sitting around. I was at the place and I was able to relax.

Q. How do you pace yourself tomorrow, that's a long day?

CHRIS DIMARCO: Well, tomorrow is going to be a long day but the good news is -- the one good thing about it is I don't have to sit around all morning and wait to tee off. I'm going to get right out, play the back 9 and within two hours probably go back out again. There is not going to be too much, you know -- those late afternoon tee times are the ones that's tough, when you got all that time in the morning to think about what you're going to do. It's nice to just go out and get it done.

Q. Chris, how about winning this year, you have been close twice, what would it mean?

CHRIS DIMARCO: Well, it's the goal every week. Obviously, it's not going to change. I feel like I'm hitting it as good as I've hit it in a really long time. My short game is very good. You

know, I'm just going to try and just keep the pedal on the floor and just try to keep making birdies. There is a lot of great players behind me. You know, anything can happen.

Arjun had a 3-shot lead on me and it went in 10 holes. So the same thing can happen the other way. I saw it happen at The Masters. I had a 3-shot lead with nine holes to go and I was three back going into the back nine, or going into Sunday's last round.

So, I'm not to be get ahead of myself. I've been really good at staying patient and I'm going to keep trying to hit quality shots. That's all I can do.

Q. No. 7 has been good to you?

CHRIS DIMARCO: I like that hole.

Q. What happened, no eagle?

CHRIS DIMARCO: It was into the wind, I couldn't get there. I hit a great third shot. I hit a wedge from 112 yards to about five feet and made a good little putt there.

Q. What did you think of the conditions of the courses?

CHRIS DIMARCO: Unbelievable. With that much rain that they got, the course was in great shape. The bunkers were perfect, because they were hard, they weren't soft like they had been the last couple of days.

So the course is great. It drains phenomenal. I had no mud on my ball out there. The balls are still bouncing. I would think that tomorrow, when we tee off, it will be fine.

Q. When you teed off today, did you think that you would you get 10 in?

CHRIS DIMARCO: They said there was another storm coming. It must have missed us. It must have dissolved or something. I don't know what happened. I'm glad we did. It was nice out there. Like I said, it was not windy. The last seven or eight holes, or five or six holes didn't really seem windy at all. We had gotten so much wind the last couple of days. The rain actually, I think, kind of softened the course up, the greens a little bit, to maybe it was a teeny bit easier today, I thought, because you could actually -- you didn't have to worry about bouncing it off the greens and stuff. It was staying on the greens.

Q. What happened to Atwal on 7?

CHRIS DIMARCO: I think he whiffed. I think he tried to hit his shot. I think he caught the tree on the down and he missed it.

Q. The rain delay is second nature for you guys now.

CHRIS DIMARCO: I'm just glad there is no rain in the forecast tomorrow. No matter what, we are going to get it done tomorrow. They have to be really pleased that there is only 26 holes to go, instead of potentially 36. If that storm would have come, we would have had a lot of golf tomorrow. So I'm glad that we only got 26 tomorrow.

Q. Chris, this isn't Augusta National and James Driscoll isn't Tiger Woods, you are looking at almost a similar situation to three weeks ago, you talk about how you would do the same thing different?

CHRIS DIMARCO: Like I said at Augusta, those last nine holes that I played Sunday morning I did not hit a bad shot. Everything that could possibly go wrong, you know, a couple of

bad lies, I didn't make some putts that I had been making, and it lead to a bad number. That can happen, that's golf. I'm going to really stay on the ball tomorrow, and I'm really going to try to hit -- like I said, my goals have changed a little bit, as far on the golf course for me. I'm slowing myself down, and I am not hitting shots until I'm ready to hit them.

Q. Do you prepare differently (inaudible)?

CHRIS DIMARCO: Three beers a night instead of six.

Q. What kind of lead did you have on Tiger going into the back nine?

CHRIS DIMARCO: I think I was 3-up.

Q. You were on 10 or 11?

CHRIS DIMARCO: I was on the tenth hole. We were both on the tenth hole.

THE MODERATOR: Thanks.

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