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INTERVIEW OF CINDY LACROSSE

THE MODERATOR: I would like to welcome Cindy LaCrosse to the interview room. Cindy, good round today, 3-under 69. Could you tell me about your round and how you feel going into tomorrow?

CINDY LACROSSE: Yes, I started off really well and had a few hiccups every now and then but I was able to get it back a little bit. But felt pleased with that.

THE MODERATOR: You had 3 victories on the LPGA Future's Tour and two of those came in New York. Do you feel any positive vibes here?

CINDY LACROSSE: Yes, I definitely like New York. I don't know what it is. Either Wegmans or the dinosaur barbecue is really good. I just feel comfortable here. I like the grass and the layout of the courses.

THE MODERATOR: Questions?

Q. Cindy, congratulations. The problem is you're facing somebody who is now five shots ahead of you. How much of a challenge might that be and how do you approach tomorrow?

CINDY LACROSSE: My game plan is kind of the same. I'm still trying to hit the fairways and greens. You never know what she is going to do. She is an amazing player. I just kind of got to focus on what I'm going to do.

Q. Is this your second Major championship?

CINDY LACROSSE: Yes.

Q. You played in The Open?

CINDY LACROSSE: Yes.

Q. Can you talk about the nerves that you are feeling? It's the weekend, you are contending, how are you mentally handling all of this?

CINDY LACROSSE: I was kind of nervous the first couple of holes. I calmed down a little bit after, I think, 4. I mean it was nice having people clap at you when you walk up to every green. Then I realize it was more for Paula than me. But it just kind of made me feel comfortable. I don't know the people are still supporting anybody out there.

Q. As I understand, Cindy, you caddied for your dad at the 2008 Senior PGA at Oak Hill?

CINDY LACROSSE: Yes.

Q. Can you talk about that and maybe some memories from Rochester that date back to that?

CINDY LACROSSE: Yes, we had a really fun time that week. We actually got to play Locust Hill. I think one afternoon we came out here. I really liked it. And then we just had a good time in Rochester. We were staying in housing, so the guy we were staying with took us to some nice restaurants. I remember going to Jo Jo's over in Pittsford. I remember having a really good time up here. I like the City a lot. It was a fun week.

Q. Cindy, do you have anything that you can look back on and try to build off of, experience of college events or Future events, or is this uncharted ground tomorrow?

CINDY LACROSSE: No, I mean I'm still however many shots back. I guess the first Future event I won I was couple of shots back going into the third round. I guess I will kind of focus on that. Really that's about it. I guess.

Q. People who don't know you would be surprised you would be in this position. Are you surprised or was there something coming around in your game that you felt something like this could happen?

CINDY LACROSSE: I mean I felt good, the tournaments that I have gotten to play in. I don't know. I kind of like being at home for a week and then out here for a week. I mean, I would like to say no it doesn't surprise me. But I don't know, it's kind of cool that I'm in contention, I guess.

Q. You didn't have to wait very long to have success as a pro. What do you think made that transition so easy for you coming from Louisville?

CINDY LACROSSE: I guess kind of every step that I've taken in golf I had no expectations going into it. College I was a walk-on and then started playing really well. And then the same thing with going out to the Future's Tour, I didn't know what to expect. That was kind of my advantage that I didn't have anything to lose.

Q. Can you talk more about the walk-on experience, your Junior Golf background and how you got to Louisville?

CINDY LACROSSE: Yes, I wasn't really recruited very much. There was a small cool in Florida, Florida Southern was looking at me, and I wanted to go a little bit farther away from Tampa. Somehow I got to Louisville. My dad was playing at the Senior PGA at Valhalla, and they got rained out that year. Him and my mom just happened to go to the University of Louisville and the golf coach was in the student center, and they got to meet her, and they talked, and I went on my visit. They were the only school. It was either Louisville or I wouldn't have played golf in college

Q. Who is here with you?

CINDY LACROSSE: Nobody. I travel with Dori Carter out here. She stuck around this weekend. A buddy Kevin from Florida, who is working with the R2 scoring company. I have a few friends out here.

Q. How has winning a couple of tournaments prepared you to be towards the lead and perhaps in one of the final groups tomorrow?

CINDY LACROSSE: I guess just steadying my nerves coming down the stretch, or being in the last couple of groups. You still get kind of nervous whatever Tour it's on. Going through that on the Future's Tour has helped a little bit.

THE MODERATOR: Any other questions? Thank you, Cindy.

CINDY LACROSSE: Thanks.

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