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Final-round leader quotes

AN INTERVIEW WITH CHAD CAMPBELL

THE MODERATOR: All right. Chad Campbell, you are the 2007 Viking Classic Champion, how does that feel?

CHAD CAMPBELL: That's great. I've definitely got a lot of good memories from this course, you know, I had some good finishes, I think second in '01 after my Battlefield promotion from the Nationwide Tour. And, you know, it's nice to be back and nice to get a victory. I haven't won; it's been a while, almost two years now. It's definitely nice to be back in the winner's circle.

THE MODERATOR: I believe off the top of my head you are one of only four players to break 70 out there today. How much more difficult was this golf course today than even what you saw in the first three rounds?

CHAD CAMPBELL: You know, the greens were a lot firmer, and the pins being tough, it's harder to get to 'em. You really had to play for the ball bouncing out on the greens. And they seemed like they picked up a little speed in the afternoon. You know, the greens were just immaculate, it's the first time I have seen them since they changed to Bermuda greens. So I definitely commend the guys on the greens.

THE MODERATOR: Do you mind briefly going through your birdies and then talk about the 18th hole and what you saw going into there.

CHAD CAMPBELL: A birdie on 2, hit a 5-iron to about 15 or 18 feet, I made that for birdie. Bogeyed 4, drove it left, hit the back of the green probably 40 feet and then 3-putted. No 5, drove it down the middle, I hit 5-iron just over the green, hit a great chip to 5 or 6 feet, and made that for a birdie. 10 hit a driver, sand wedge to about 20 feet and made that. No. 11, hit a 3-wood, 2-iron, sand wedge to probably 2 feet. Bogeyed 15 and hit 7-iron just long-left of the green, just off the edge of the green and I putted it down a ways, probably 10 feet past the hole and missed that for par. 16, a 3-wood pitching wedge to 12 feet. 17 was two-iron wedge to probably 15 feet. 18, driver, 8-iron 60° wedge and then 3-putted from about 20 feet.

CHAD CAMPBELL: Okay. Sorry.

THE MODERATOR: Questions for Chad?

Q Chad, yesterday I asked you out there, I said "is your game ready to win again?" And you said "I think it is".

Why didn't you say "I know it is"? Was there a little doubt in your mind?

CHAD CAMPBELL: There was a little bit. I have only had one top 10 this year and it wasn't even in a stroke play event. So, you know, there is always a little bit of doubt. You know, I felt really good all week. You know, I feel really good every time I have been to this golf course. The holes set up well for me, and I really liked the way they looked. I knew going in to Saturday I knew if I could shoot two good rounds I'd have a chance to win. And then Saturday I put myself in position, you know, I shot an 8-under on Saturday. And really just played quite solid, got a few good breaks, but played solid. I felt good out there today. Honestly, I didn't know how everything would hold up. You know my hard work and, you know, just trusting my golf swing, and trusting what I've been working on. It felt great.

Q On 16 did you get a good read off of Shaun's putt? You guys had almost the same line, and everybody coming up was missing that putt left, and Shaun missed it left?

CHAD CAMPBELL: I got a great read off of Shaun. And you know what, when I was over that putt there was like no doubt in my mind that I had missed that putt. I felt like, especially after seeing his, and I knew the perfect read, I felt good about my putting. And usually that is one of my weaker points. I really putted the ball all week other than the 3-putt today.

Q Do you feel like you've solved what's been plaguing you or is this the first step back?

CHAD CAMPBELL: I think it's the first step. It's still a lot of work. I've still hit a lot of bad shots. I hit few shots I didn't like. It happens; you can't hit every shot the way you want to. It's definitely a step in the right direction.

Q Given how difficult the course was played today, only four guys shooting under 70, did you grind it out today, would you say? How did you win today?

CHAD CAMPBELL: Not really, I hit quite a few fairways. So if you get the ball on the fairway, you know, you can attack the course. If you get it in the rough you can move the ball out of the rough, it's not that it's overly deep, it's tough to control it. You can hit 9-irons 190 yards out of the rough and sometimes it doesn't come out at all. I think the main thing today, I came out and I hit a lot of good iron shots, and it was nice to get off with a birdie on the 2nd, kind of get things rolling a bit. Unfortunately I 3-putted No. 4, but I came right back with birdie. On 13 I missed the fairway, and a good up-and-down from the front right bunker. And I think that kind of -- that was a big save in the round. That kind of kept my momentum going. And, you know, unfortunately I 3-putted the 15th. But I was telling the guys outside, maybe that was a little bit of a wake up call for me because I was kind of, you know, maybe got a little unaggressive for a few holes. And realized after that I need to make it a couple more birdies.

Q How many ways were you asked, what is wrong with you this year?

CHAD CAMPBELL: Surprisingly not too many. I think everybody was scared to come up and ask me to be honest with you. But I've heard it more so recently. It was kind of funny last week in New York and we were on the first tee box and the guy that does the Darrell Surveys, they check all of our clubs, and he was like encouraging me. And I turned to my caddy, "Everybody is pulling for us now".

It was pretty funny. It's great to have support out here. Even players out here are supportive and wanting to help.

Q Do the guys offer tips?

CHAD CAMPBELL: Everybody is willing if you go up to someone and ask them a favor. Vaughn Taylor has helped me out a little bit. Just guys, you know. What I was trying to do is get back to what I was doing. I don't know what I got into doing. I just wanted to go back to what I was doing. Whatever that was. I just asked a couple of guys, what am I doing differently than I used to do? You know, they would throw out ideas and, I would try them and if they didn't work, they didn't work. I wasn't losing any ground trying them.

Q Did you ever put yourself on video and take a look?

CHAD CAMPBELL: Not really. I watched some old tapes, you know, of some of my wins like championships in '03, and just some of the things that I have at the house. And I just tried to see what I was doing then. And, you know, I can kind of feel what is going on. And I never really video taped myself. I can kind of tell going back there, you know, I'm not doing that right now. Looking back at that kind of helps. But it's tough to get rid of bad habits, and I think I got into a lot of bad habits over the last year.

Q Not just like take away or something at the top?

CHAD CAMPBELL: Honestly, I think I just started thinking about things too much. You know today I didn't hardly think of my golf swing at all. And that is what I used to do.

Q (Inaudible)?

CHAD CAMPBELL: Maybe a little bit. I don't know if I'd really thought that, but in a way. I was just thinking about it too much. And that comes from not playing good, and not hitting good golf shots. And, you know, today I just went out and hit it. I looked at where I wanted into hit it and I hit at it. You know, it sounds easy, but that's the way I've always played.

Q It's nice to hit it where you are looking?

CHAD CAMPBELL: Yes.

Q Was there one moment this year that would define your frustration with the game?

CHAD CAMPBELL: One moment? A lot of moments. In the last four months or more. I had times when I played good. When you are playing good and you've got a little of a bad attitude, when you got bad attitude you are gonna get bad breaks. And, you know, what this week, yesterday, I got a great break on 5. I hit the tee ball way right, and, you know, some how it stays in bounds. And I have an opener, and I can get a 5-iron on the green. Two months ago that wouldn't have happened. That ball is out of bounds and my next one's underneath the tree, you know. So I think I just kind of changed my attitude a little bit toward the game. But I think that also comes from being able to hit some golf shots. And being able to hit. This week I had a lot more confidence in my driver.

Q Even though you didn't have a good result at Turning Stone you shot 65 in the first round?

CHAD CAMPBELL: Right. That was huge. Being able to know that I can shoot low numbers again and trust my swing when I do get a 4 or 5 or 6-under.

Q If somebody would have told you prior to coming into this event, I think you might have had 13 sub 70⁺ ST. What would you have said?

CHAD CAMPBELL: I would have probably believed them. I probably would have thought it was less.

Q Really? You would have thought it was less?

CHAD CAMPBELL: No, I'm kidding. That is not very many. That is not many at all. I was very frustrated. And my expectations are so high for me; they way exceed anybody else's. I get frustrated when I can't hit the shots that I know I can hit. It's very frustrating. You know it's nice to be able to come out and do it today. I had a lot of good golf shots yesterday and today and even earlier in the week. It's a great feeling to be back in the winner's circle.

Q You said you worked really hard over those long months, what kind of things, just more time on the golf course?

CHAD CAMPBELL: Everything, really, you know putting. I wasn't doing anything very well to be honest with you. At times I would drive it good and at times I would putt it good, but I would never put everything together, and it'd never hold up for 18 holes. I was really just trying to get back to what I was doing, when I was playing well. And for some reason it just kind of, this week it just kind of clicked. I think one of the main things is I worked with Nike earlier this week on a driver. You know, when I have confidence in driving it that is a big part of my game. You know, it helps me. You know, I have fun out there when I know I can hit fairways. For a while there I was aiming it down the middle because I don't know if it's gonna go left or if it's gonna go right. And that makes the fairway half as wide. Now I can chart it down the right and know what it's going to do. That is probably the key thing. And, you know, for this week definitely. Feeling comfortable with the driver is huge.

Q Did you have driver play?

CHAD CAMPBELL: Yes, this week.

Q What kind?

CHAD CAMPBELL: It's Nike Sasquatch. A new shaft in it.

Q (Inaudible)?

CHAD CAMPBELL: Not the square one. The other one. The more conventional looking one.

Q Chad, did you pay attention to the President's Cup at all? It's a year ago you were playing on the Ryder Cup team. Were you were you watching that very much or was your head here?

CHAD CAMPBELL: Absolutely I was watching those guys, pulling for them. I wished I had been on the team. Not so much to miss this tournament, but it's just such an honor to play for your country, and play on those teams. It's something that I enjoy. I was pulling for the guys I assume they won. I don't know. You know, they were playing great. The team looked together. They had everybody clicking and that's great. I was definitely happy for them and happy for 'em and happy for the US.

Q I have one other question for you. On 17 Shaun hits it in the water. The guys were talking all week how hard that hole is. What is your mind-set or do you even watch Shaun hit? Or what is going on there?

CHAD CAMPBELL: Normally I would. But he was at such a different angle. Like normally I would watch to see what the wind is doing. He was at such a different, angle, he was coming from here and I was coming from this way. I was just worried about

what we were doing. And that is what you got to do. You can't worry about what other people are doing out there.

Q How hard has that hole been all week? And how big was it? I mean that was a downhill 16 or 18-footer there?

CHAD CAMPBELL: It's a really tough hole. And the edges shows all of the new course designers. I mean what is the 410? It's a phenomenal golf hole. It doesn't have to be a 500-yard par 4 to be good.

Q How good was that feeling to see that putt go in 2? It kind of made at least bogey, double bogey. You guys were tied. Were you watching the leaderboard at that point?

CHAD CAMPBELL: Absolutely. I knew there wasn't one close to the tee box on 18 and I wanted to know how good it was going at 18. I like to look at leaderboards and now how I'm doing. To be able to make that putt, that was great. I think had a 3-shot lead going into 18.

THE MODERATOR: Anymore questions? Chad Campbell a great victory today. Thanks for coming in.

CHAD CAMPBELL: Appreciate it guys.