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AN INTERVIEW WITH CHAD CAMPBELL

CHRIS REIMER: Runner-up for this year's Chrysler Championship, Chad Campbell. Fantastic back nine.

Let's just talk a little bit about your stretch of holes there and five birdies with bogey, you were able to put some pressure on Carl there at the end.

CHAD CAMPBELL: Yes, it was nice, played really solid on the back 9. Played pretty good on the front. I didn't get some putts to fall, made some good pars on the front. I got to the back 9 and, you know, really played the back 9 pretty well all week. I don't know what to be exact what my scores were on the back.

But hit it in there on 11. Hit it in two and 2-putted.

12, I hit in there about three feet, made that.

14, par-5, laid up and hit it to probably 18 feet.

15, par-3, hit it, made a good putt there. Hit it about probably 35 feet from the hole.

CHRIS REIMER: What did you hit there?

CHAD CAMPBELL: I hit a 4-iron there. Bogey on 16, that's a pretty tough tee shot for me, moves pretty hard left to right. I wasn't able to get it in the fairway and missed about a 12-footer for par.

18, hit driver, wedge to about I'd say 10, 12 feet, just snuck it in there.

CHRIS REIMER: Well, with the runner-up finish here you're going to Atlanta for THE TOUR Championship, obviously it's a tournament that you've won in Houston in 2003. Talk about getting into the season ending event there.

CHAD CAMPBELL: Yes, that was one of my main goals this week. Winning is first, but to get myself in THE TOUR Championship. I knew I needed to finish. I didn't know the numbers exactly. I knew I needed to finish Top-3 or so.

I'm pretty happy with myself to be able to get that done. It's been kind of an up and down year for me, and to be able to end the year off like this and get a reward to go Atlanta, I'm pretty happy with my play today.

CHRIS REIMER: We'll take some questions.

Q. There was absolutely nobody beside yourself that put a run on, was there anything more that you could have done? It was pretty tough out there?

CHAD CAMPBELL: You can always find things that you can improve your score on. But, you know, the thing that really bothers me, at 16, I drove it in the rough and kind of behind the 8-ball once you get it in the rough there.

17, hit a great shot, and just trickled off the edge of the green and had ten feet there and wasn't able to make that.

But to birdie 18 and just give myself a chance at least put a little bit of pressure on him, he played solid all week.

Q. The bunker shot at 16, did you end up in the bunker because of the lie?

CHAD CAMPBELL: Yes, the rough sometimes just flips your club over and that's what it did. If it had hit in the fairway it probably would have ran up in the middle of the green. Unfortunately, it ran up in the bunker. It's a pretty tough bunker shot. I actually hit a decent bunker shot, you know, up to 12 feet or with being that long a shot.

Q. Starting out the today, I think you are 5 back, is it even in your thoughts that you might have a chance to win, you are thinking I'm going to try to go low and take chances, or does the course even allow that?

CHAD CAMPBELL: Any time can you shoot a low score out here, you can make up a lot of ground. Especially when the wind is blowing like this. It's a tough course. It's not tricky at all, it's right in front of. You got to get the ball in the fairway, once you do that you can give yourself a few chances to make birdie.

So I did think if I went out and shot a good score I'd have a chance to win.

CHRIS REIMER: Jim Furyk once said in an interview that you can find good things in finishing third, but it never really feels that great to finish second. Is this one of those occasions where getting into THE TOUR Championship, and having a good back 9 and birdieing 18 and finishing second, you got a pretty good feeling.

CHAD CAMPBELL: You know, I'm really not too disappointed with not winning. I'm a little disappointed with my bogey on 16. That's about my only complaint of today. I'm obviously not happy with second. I'm happy with the result that second got me happy in THE TOUR Championship. You are never that happy finishing second.

I accomplished one of those goals this week and one of them was to get myself in THE TOUR Championship and I was able to do that.

Q. Do you know Carl at all, and is he another example of there is a lot of guys out here that can win at any time?

CHAD CAMPBELL: Yes, I think so. I don't know him that well. You know we have got to know each other probably over the last three years a little bit. He is obviously a great player. He has been playing really good as of late. Probably last three or four weeks. He's been up there ever week. He is a pretty solid golf to be able to play on this course, to be able to come down the stretch. Those finishing holes aren't easy. If you got a one or 2 shot lead, sometimes that's pretty hard trying to protect your lead. So you got to give it to him, to be able to keep the ball on the fairway and hit quality shots and make pars, and pars coming in.

Q. What did you think that you needed when you got here on whatever day you got here and were you starting to lose hope when you made the turn yesterday.

CHAD CAMPBELL: As far as getting into THE TOUR Championship?

Q. Yes.

CHAD CAMPBELL: You know what, not really. I always -- I love this golf course, and I know when the wind is blowing, if you can shoot 2 or 3-under par, you can move up so much. And, you know, I was a little bit disappointed after the front 9 yesterday, but for some reason I don't every play that front 9 too good. I was able to really play well on the back 9 yesterday as well as today.

Q. You talk about wanting to be in THE TOUR Championship, basically, why is it important to you? Is it simply playing for the huge purse? Is it being one of the Top-30 to be invited, or the fact that it is a small field and you are sort of showcased?

CHAD CAMPBELL: You know, I think everybody starts out the year, you want to get into two tournaments. THE TOUR Championship and the Mercedes, and if you do those two things, you have had a pretty good year regardless if you don't think it's very good. If you can get yourself in those the tournaments, you know, it's a pretty good year regardless of what amount of talent you have.

So to believe able to struggle most of the year this year, as, you know, I think, and just to be able to get into THE TOUR Championship coming from I think I was 43rd going into this week, being able to move up that much it makes me feel good about the which I played.

Q. Chad, you were set, you knew that, in the scoring trailer, but what was Lumpy saying after missing that putt?

CHAD CAMPBELL: You know, he didn't really say much. Obviously, all three of us were right there. I think Bo was 50 something on the Money List. Tim, upper 30's or low 40's.

Q. Probably 43.

CHAD CAMPBELL: Right around me then. You know we didn't talk about it all day. It's obviously one thing that was on our mind as well as winning.

Q. Five birdies on the back is pretty stout, isn't it?

CHAD CAMPBELL: Thanks.

Q. I didn't mean it's as a compliment. I meant it as a question.

CHAD CAMPBELL: I seem to always play the back 9 pretty good. I think there is some chances, you get the ball in the fairway on 11, you can get it on in two. The same thing with other par-5, 14. And you know I like the par-3s on the back 9. I don't know, I just think it sets up really well for me. I really feel comfortable on the back 9. There is some holes on the front 9 I don't feel all that comfortable on. But I get to the back 9, I really feel like I can shoot a number.

Q. Do you feel like you made any kind of mistake on 16, or is it just that you got a bogey?

CHAD CAMPBELL: You know, what it's a really tough tee shot for me, and I've been fortunate enough to hit the fairway the first three days and I think I made two bogeys hitting it in the fairway. So I hit it in the rough and I made the same score. So it's just a tough hole. It's one of the toughest ones that we play all year. If you don't get the ball in the fairway you are just coming playing from behind.

Q. Where does your lie need to be off the tee, do you have to flirt with the water at all?

CHAD CAMPBELL: Not really. Water for me is not necessarily in play. I'm just trying to cut it off the tree. Just a different shot for me because I'm playing it right-to-left mainly, mainly all day and have to get up there and hit that shot on that hole.

Q. Where was your ball in the bunker, any kind of an upslope?

CHAD CAMPBELL: Yes, it was an upslope. It was a perfect lie. It was probably a 40 yard bunker shot, probably.

(Scorecard.)

CHRIS REIMER.

Q. Where have you been all year?

CHAD CAMPBELL: Thanks.

Q. It seems like we haven't seen much of you.

CHAD CAMPBELL: Unfortunately, I would like for you all to see more of me, too. I felt like I've really been close. There is just some things here and there that have been going right. I haven't been driving it that well. It seems like I drove it pretty well this week. You have to on this golf course to shoot a good score. You know, I started making some putts. I actually started putting better since Milwaukee. I started putting a lot better and that gives you a little more confidence and getting the ball in the fairway has been kind of -- for me to play good, I need to get the ball in the fairway, and I haven't been doing that. I think that's what it all comes back to.

Q. Would you have seen this week coming?

CHAD CAMPBELL: Yes, I felt good. Like I said, this is one of my favorite courses that we play all year. I'm very optimistic. I have been this whole year, but it just hasn't really happened for me. Hopefully, you'll see more of me next year or next week. Next weekend.

Q. We go to Atlanta, not Houston, by the way?

CHAD CAMPBELL: That's right.

CHRIS REIMER: Thanks. Good luck next week.

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