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Second Round Quotes

AN INTERVIEW WITH TIM CLARK

THE MODERATOR: We'll welcome Tim Clark to the interview room here at the Crowne Plaza Invitational at Colonial. Tim, with a great round of 64 today, hit every green and every fairway,

TIM CLARK: That is what I was told. I didn't know it at the time, but it makes it easy to get around.

THE MODERATOR: Great. We'll turn it over to questions.

Q You withdrew from Wachovia with a back problem, is everything okay? Did it take a little while?

TIM CLARK: It was a neck problem, and I'm pretty much still the same, exactly the same. I have taken some anti-inflammatories to get through the week and like I was saying earlier, this could be my last week for a while. I'm going to take some time off and try to heal up and not have to rely on anti-inflammatories. And this could be the last week for a while.

Q Is it a muscular problem or is it something more, do you know?

TIM CLARK: It's nothing major, but it's -- yeah, it's a bit of muscular and a little joint stiffness really is what it boils down to. And really all it probably needs is a little rest.

Q Is this related -- I know back in November you had some issues?

TIM CLARK: It's pretty much the same thing still.

Q A continuation?

TIM CLARK: It just hasn't gone away. I probably just haven't given it enough time to rest up. I take four or five weeks and come back and play. Yeah, I think it's come time for me to really get it sorted out. Like I say, it's gone on now for 6 or 7 months, which is not good.

Q Tim, considering how that feels and the fact you have only one sub 70 round before this week, how did you put together two straight rounds, and what do you think is going right considering how you felt?

TIM CLARK: I have hit a lot of fairways and greens, but I have made a lot of putts these first two rounds and which always helps. I certainly wasn't expecting it. And I am just trying to have fun. This could be my last event for a while. I want to end on a good note and if I have to take time off, at least it's been a good friend of mine when I come back. And it's sort of nice to see the game is still there considering I haven't been doing a whole lot of practice the last few months either.

Q Did you play 27 today?

TIM CLARK: M'hm.

Q Can you talk a little bit about the wear and tear on you doing that, or did you even feel it while you are playing?

TIM CLARK: You don't really. The adrenaline was going at the end and I almost had to calm myself down a bit. It was nice to play 27. You know I finished the front 9, and so far today I shot four-under, and I didn't have a lot of time between the next round, so I could really keep the momentum going, which I felt was great. I'm glad I didn't have to sit around for an hour or an hour and a half. It was almost like one continuous round.

Q Did you even have time to eat, or did you just kind of turn and go and change shoes, and change socks and go?

TIM CLARK: I pretty went and grabbed golf balls and that was it. And I just went to the chipping green hit a few putts and carried on.

Q Is the neck pain such that it bothers you off the golf course also? Do you have trouble sleeping or anything of that nature?

TIM CLARK: I don't have trouble sleeping. It has bothered me away from the course. Like I say this week I feel pretty good. I don't have any problems that are inhibiting my swing in anyway that is great. But when I do go home, then it sort of starts to get sore again, so. Yeah, it just hasn't been a lot of fun for the last few months to be quite honest.

Q Was it difficult at all to decide when to take the break knowing with the US Open, and stuff?

TIM CLARK: Yeah, well a little bit. The only one at the Player's Championship made it a lot easier. It was not fun at all. I'm not doing myself any favors and doing my confidence any good either. I may go on next week and it's tough to take time off and step away from the game when you are having fun. I enjoy it and I enjoy the competition. It's hard to be away from that. But probably after the Memorial I will take the time off.

Q You are planning to play Memorial?

TIM CLARK: It depends on how the weekend goes.

Q Can you talk about what you consider the highlights out there today for you?

TIM CLARK: Well it's just that -- everything just seems to go into one. I didn't have any great shots or anything. I just made a lot of like I said 15 or 20-footers. It's great to see those go in. When you are hitting greens and you start to make those putts you can really shoot a low number and I didn't have to scramble this afternoon which is nice. It seemed comfortable and easy. The longest par putt I had was 3 feet and which was really nice. It was just more overall a solid day of golf, yeah.

Q You talked about missing the fact that it's tough because you have a lot of fun out here. You are also coming off a really good year and it seems to be a really good time in your career. How frustrating is that?

TIM CLARK: Well it's very frustrating. And I can feel now with the confidence coming up the last few holes I was a little bit nervous about the position I was in. Last year if I was in the same position I wouldn't have felt that. So, you know, I doubted this since probably since the British Open last year, and so it affected the end of the last year, and my results showed it. It's a bit frustrating but again like I say, it's nice to see the golf game has not completely left me compared to the limited amount of practice I have been able to do. I feel quite confident when I do come around and come back, I'm hoping I'm going to be a better player than I was before. I have been working on my short game in the time I have been a bit sore. Hopefully all of that stuff improves and I will come back a little bit better.

Q I saw you made a couple of birdies back-to-back to on 3 and 4.

TIM CLARK: Um-hum.

Q Were there any particular birdies out there that got you going? Any hole in particular if you are hitting every fairway and every green I guess it's all --

TIM CLARK: This morning when we started out I hit it to 4 feet on the 1st hole and actually missed the putt. That was not a nice way to get the game going. But then I made about a 35-footer 2 holes later, and I think that is probably what got me going. A nice long putt like that.

THE MODERATOR: Tim Clark thanks so much for your time. Best of luck.

TIM CLARK: Thank you.