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AN INTERVIEW WITH PAULA CREAMER

PAUL ROVNAK: Paula, thanks for coming in and speaking with us. You played the practice round today. This is your first time playing in this tournament obviously. Maybe you can talk about impressions of the course before we get started

PAULA CREAMER: It's a great golf course. It's a good test of golf. It's pretty long. The wind out there is very difficult. You know, I think that it is going to be a good score out there if it stays windy.

PAUL ROVNAK: Top 30 on the Money List, you are here obviously as No. 2. Talk about your year and all that you had to do get here.

PAULA CREAMER: It's been very exciting; lots of new things, lots of new experiences out in the golf course, winning and then Solheim Cup. I mean, it's been a great year. It's been a good learning experience. You know, I'm very glad that I'm here. It's pretty good to be here.

I feel, for my rookie year, to have been able to play last week and then this week.

PAUL ROVNAK: Questions?

Q. Would you say you have exceeded all of your goals that you set at the beginning of the season?

PAULA CREAMER: No, I wanted to win a Major this year, and I did not do that. But, you know, other than that, I wanted to make Solheim Cup. That was my main goal, and if I did that, and I had a win out on the Tour, and Top 15 was actually my goal on the Money List. I'm No. 2, so that well exceeded my expectations there. But the Major was one of the things that I wanted to do.

Q. That's pretty high expectations?

PAULA CREAMER: Yes. You know, I have always set high goals for myself. It just kind of motivates me. I wouldn't set a goal that I didn't feel that I could reach. I think that those were good goals for me and, you know, one more tournament left and have an off season to work hard for next year.

Q. Can you talk a little bit about your process for setting goals; you know, how you keep on top of your goals to achieve them?

PAULA CREAMER: Well, I've always been -- like I said, very, very goal oriented in whatever it is. If it's school, get the best grades in class. I have always been like that. When it comes to golf, I wanted to be the No. 1 player in the world. You know, I have always just been taught to put yourself where you think you are and, you know, you see the next level to how you have to get there.

You know, I have a great support system around me that can tell me that I can do it. You know, I believe in myself. So that I think it's an inner drive for those goals.

Q. And did you get very good grades in school?

PAULA CREAMER: Yes, I did. Luckily, you wouldn't know. I'm just kidding. No, I did. I liked school. I really did. I always thought that I would have gone to college and lived that whole experience. So it was difficult to kind of turn professional, but I'm glad that I did.

Q. With many young American players have performed very well this year? Do you think it's a breakthrough year for American golfers?

PAULA CREAMER: I would say so yes. I think that women's golf is only getting better and it can only go higher and higher and just the level that everybody is at right now. You know, the opportunities that we all have, and I know that I've been given a lot of opportunities to try to achieve my goals and my dreams. So I think that it is kind of a breakthrough year for a lot of things.

Q. Can you talk about, you are one of several players up and coming at this point: Lorena Ochoa, Natalie Gulbis, can you just talk about coming into that, everybody shooting, like you said, at the No. 1 golfer in the world, to have several players that are surrounding Annika, so to speak?

PAULA CREAMER: Annika knows that there are people gunning for her. She knows that. If she doesn't then -- I don't know what to say about that. But I think that there are. There is just so many people that want it; who works the hardest and who wants it the most. I know that I want it really bad, and I know that I will do anything that I can to get to that point and get me to the point where Annika is. She is just a couple of steps ahead of me. She is the No. 1 player in the world. She has what it takes. She has worked hard at it.

To be the No. 2 player in the world right now, my first year out there, and I experienced so little too compared to what she has. It makes me feel good about myself, but know that I have to work really hard.

Q. As a rookie, you are stepping out here against Paula Creamer's and players who may be the best ever, why aren't you intimidated?

PAULA CREAMER: I don't want to lose. I want it so badly that -- at first, I was a little, I guess, star-struck, I guess you could say. But I respect them. Like I don't idolize them as much as I did when I was younger. I think it's just more of thank you for making a pathway for other people to get to where we are today. With Annika, she has raised the bar for women's golf, and I respect that.

Q. How long did it take to overcome the star-struck? Was it one tournament; the first time you saw it?

PAULA CREAMER: It was probably my first tournament just because it was a new thing. Wow, Juli Inkster is here, one of my favorite golfers, and I think that doing that and seeing that I didn't focus as hard, and I didn't play as well because I was more looking around than I was playing. I think that I realized that my dad, my mom, and the people around me, kind of told me, if you don't believe in yourself, and you are watching other people out here in a different way, you are not learning from something. How are you going to be able to beat them?

Q. Didn't you finish second in your LPGA debut as a sponsor's invite?

PAULA CREAMER: No, I played in one ahead of that. I had one more before that, I believe. That was my second one, I think.

PAUL ROVNAK: The second of last year you had played previously the year before, too.

PAULA CREAMER: I played the Asahi Ryokuken.

Q. As a youngster was it Juli Inkster who was your idol?

PAULA CREAMER: Yes.

Q. You speak about the AJGA, has involved to such a sophisticated circuit that you guys travel almost as much as pros; you prepare like pros. How does that affect you coming from there to the Tour?

PAULA CREAMER: My Junior golf has definitely helped me, traveling from state to state, drive places, and you know, play lots of golf. I've played I think, one year, 29 events and that's a lot of events in one year. I think that's with amateur events and a couple of sponsor exemptions. Doing them and being out on the road just prepares you for life on Tour.

However, I don't think there is one thing that can mentally prepare you for what you have to go through on Tour.

Q. What about the competition, too; how seriously you guys took the battles on the AJGA and how good that was in preparing you how to win?

PAULA CREAMER: I mean any tournaments I play in, I want to win no matter what. Who is there or who is not there, I think that that just, you know, helps you win, helps you to be able to win just going in for that mindset. But, you know, there is tons of great junior golfers out there. I had good competition.

I think that being around good athletes and being around good golfers helps you get better.

Q. Can you pick out one highlight this year?

PAULA CREAMER: Solheim Cup.

Q. And also what's been difficult, did you have to adjust?

PAULA CREAMER: I go through times I think out on Tour where I practice a lot and then I go through times where I play really good when I'm practicing a lot. Then I kind of just don't practice as much. I want to kind of get out of there, out of the golf course. I realized the last couple of weeks that I can't do that. I'm a person that I need to just fine-tune things all the time. I just can't stop doing something. I struggled the last couple of weeks with that. I worked really hard last week and, hopefully, you know that will pay off for this week. But just being able to find that time management of knowing when to do something.

Q. Is the goal for next year to be the No. 1 player in the world?

PAULA CREAMER: Yes.

Q. Do you think you can knock off Annika?

PAULA CREAMER: I'm going to have to work really hard this off season. I have to get a lot longer; I need to get stronger. I need to be able to hit different shots. You know my putting needs to get better, short game, just creativity type of golf shots. I'm glad my rookie year is under my belt now. I know the golf course. My schedule will be a little different based around Majors and things like that.

Q. This particular tournament here is there a little extra motivation this week because it's just the Top-30 and it's the season ender?

PAULA CREAMER: Oh, yes, I want to play well my last event. I want to have that good feeling of having a good last tournament before the golf season starts. Yes, definitely, a little extra added pressure, I guess, you could say it is.

Q. Any thoughts on facing Michelle Wie as a pro now out on the golf course?

PAULA CREAMER: What do you mean?

Q. Now that she as a pro and you will be facing her, no longer when she is an invited amateur, now she will be competing as a pro?

PAULA CREAMER: She will still be invited.

PAUL ROVNAK: She will still be playing for sponsorships but she will play for money. Now that she can take part of the paycheck home. Your thoughts on that. If she wins, she can take a lot of money from you maybe.

PAULA CREAMER: I mean she is just another player in the field. When I'm out there on the golf course, those first three or four days, until the last nine holes, I'm playing the golf course. Then you know you kind of find out where you are on Sunday and you play differently. But I try to go out and play my own game. I can't control what she does, I can only control what I do.

Q. Has the last year gone pretty fast for you?

A. Yes, I can't believe it's almost Thanksgiving. That's crazy. It flown by. I mean to be able to say that I've been, to geez, a couple of different countries. It's like wow, when did I do that at all?

Q. Have you had time to enjoy it I believe?

PAULA CREAMER: At times. It all happened so fast. I guess in my off weeks it's kind of like, oh, yeah. I mean I enjoy -- if I could go back into time, I would go back into the Solheim Cup week. That went so fast. I mean you work so hard to get there, and then it's just done in a couple of days. It's pretty amazing that now I have to wait, what is it, two more years until the next one.

Q. Paula, do you travel with your parents all this year, with will that be the same again next year or more on your own?

PAULA CREAMER: Probably. I might maybe one parent. One of them might come. But I don't know yet. We with really haven't decided. I feel very comfortable when they are there. They help me a lot. They support me. You know, I think that we don't want to change something too fast. I want to take it a little slower. You know, I don't think that any time soon I will be going to an event on my own. But maybe for a practice round or something, but they will still be there.

Q. Are you still working with David Whelan?

PAULA CREAMER: Yes, he is here this week.

Q. Are both of your parents here this week?

PAULA CREAMER: Yes.

Q. Before the season, where did you envision yourself being at the end of the year? Did you envision yourself being No. 2, Top-10?

PAULA CREAMER: No, my goal was Top-15 on the Money List. That was my goal. And, you know, now, it's kind of changed. A difficult thing for me, was after Solheim Cup, I was so focused and so driven on getting there, it was done, and it was like, what is my next goal? I had to go back and reevaluate everything that I wanted to do. You know, that was difficult because I reached one of my goals.

Q. I think I have asked you this a couple of times, Mark yourself as the top, you were starting a six after your win, what would you give yourself now?

PAULA CREAMER: You know, it's difficult to say right now because I did struggle a little bit last week and I struggled on Sunday in Korea. You know, I won the week before that. I'm trying to get back up.

Q. Nine out of 10?

PAULA CREAMER: No, probably 7. It can always be better.

Q. Did you play more events than you thought you would at the beginning of the year and when did you make that adjustment?

PAULA CREAMER: No, I played pretty much the events that I was going to play in. I had to play everything in the first couple of, you know, months, because I needed to get into events. I needed to get into Nabisco and things like that. So I had to play in a lot of events. And for Solheim Cup I needed to get those points.

After that, I never withdrew from anything, anything like that. It was pretty well planned.

PAUL ROVNAK: Anymore questions?

Q. I'm curious as to why a couple of you guys are being tagged as kind of the new faces of the LPGA; how do you feel about that? How immediately, with being taken to the forefront, your first year on Tour?

PAULA CREAMER: It's exciting. It's very nice to be felt like that. I feel that right now I'm in a situation that I feel that I can get a lot better. You know, I have to kind of sit down and evaluate everything that's happened this year and to be able to say that I'm part of a new generation and kind of at the top of that, it's very nice. It's difficult out here. It's very hard. I think that a lot of people don't really realize that. But I put the most pressure on myself.

Q. Morgan Pressel is trying to make it through Q-School, do you think she is the type of talent where she can come out here next year and maybe have the same kind of success you had this year?

PAULA CREAMER: I think so. Like I said, it's very difficult. You have to be very patient throughout the whole year. You have to know that you're not going to play great golf one week. It's not always going to be perfect. You play in a couple of events a year, but then when you get a full schedule, it's like wow. You do a lot of traveling. There is not much free time. It's difficult. But I think that she could do it.

Q. Talk about what it's takes to play at this level, can you talk about for you what you realize that you needed to be able to play at this level consistently?

PAULA CREAMER: What I needed to do just in my game?

Q. To mentally prepare, what you feel that you needed to do, whatever that means to you?

PAULA CREAMER: Well, for me it was to be able to know when it's golf time and when it's not golf time. I have always been that kind of person who talks golf all day long and takes it to the dinner table, takes it back to the host. I have to learn when it's time for golf and then when I leave the golf course it's no more. I think that's -- just watching what Annika does. She goes to the golf course, gets all of her work done, then leaves and has the rest of the today to do whatever she wants to do. Work out, go shopping. Something like that. I don't know what she does. I think that it is very important to just get away because you are just around it 24 hours a day.

PAUL ROVNAK: You guys all set? Thank you.

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