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**Pre-tournament quotes**

**AN INTERVIEW WITH DAVID DUVAL**

(Interview by tape.)

Q. You played out here one time before, right?

**DAVID DUVAL:** Yes, I played two years ago.

Q. Do you remember the course?

**DAVID DUVAL:** Yes.

Q. What do you make of it?

**DAVID DUVAL:** I enjoy it. It reminds me of back home (Inaudible), our club where we had The International. It's nice to play an event on a golf courses like that.

Q. Talk about the British Open, you had that great round on Friday, 69, and a tough round on Saturday. Talk through that a little.

**DAVID DUVAL:** Well, you know, I've said for quite some time, I've been playing quite well, not getting anything out of it. You know, I did have a bad score on Saturday. But, you know, again, that's some of the difficulty you guys face frankly as writing and reporting on what's going on because you say I had that bad day. Well, I had a bad score, I didn't actually play bad.

It's difficult to explain to somebody. Ask Billy Crankston on the third or fourth hole when he was doing T.V., how do you even begin to try to explain what's going on out here to people on television? He's like, he said, I don't know. I don't think you can.

Down like they are at sea level, I can hit a 2-iron about 230, 240 yards, and I was hitting about 160 yards into the wind. So how do you explain that to somebody really?

But I went there feeling very good about my golf, and I played quite well in very trying conditions for four days and it took a lot out of me.

Q. Is 69 something you can build on? That's one of the best rounds anybody can shoot out there?

DAVID DUVAL: Well, you know, I don't know how to explain. I think you are looking for something -- I know you are trying to find something to write. The first day when I was playing in that morning round, they said it played three shots harder in the morning than the afternoon, I went out there and it's blowing 30 miles an hour and it's raining sideways. It was one of the most miserable days I had on a golf course and I shot 3-over.

I had a whole media swarm after that, shooting 3-over and the next day I shot 1-under. I played quite well every day. I was close to getting the best score I could each day with the exception of Saturday, but didn't quite do it. That's really, I think as a professor, you are striving for. You want to leave the golf course feeling like you only left a shot or 2 out there as opposed to the days, when, I should have been five or six shots better.

So my golf game there was just a continuation of the work that I've been putting in.

Q. It's an easy sport to lose confidence in, you've had ups and downs?

DAVID DUVAL: Well, I think it is. As I said, there is one thing I've learned through this whole process is that your confidence should be protective above all else. And I don't know exactly how to explain that, and the way to pursue it, but maybe that means you play more when you are playing well, or feeling good, or you don't play for a long time if you are struggling, but you need to protect this is certainly one thing I've learned.

Q. When you get over to the British Open, do you reflect on your career, you had a lot of successes?

DAVID DUVAL: Well, I have very frankly played very well over there. I think I played in probably 12 of them, with the exception of the stretch where I was playing all 4 when I didn't do so well. I've had good success there. I'm open to it.

I really enjoy the challenge of that golf, especially when we get conditions like we had this year for four days.

I really try to embrace it. I think that's some of the battle.

So I think, I don't know if it's something I reflect on per say, as much as it is, I feel that I know what it requires. And you need to be swinging well, obviously, but you need to hit the ball solid.

But beyond that, there are very few shots you hit in the course of a round that are what you would consider hitting it like you would here a normal golf shot, you just don't do it. You hit balls way in the air at times, get it to stop. I rolled the ball along the fairway from 185 yards, on the 6th hole on Sunday. I hit it in the fairway, just rolled it up, just try to keep it out of the wind and stuff. Those kind of things you don't do anywhere else.

Q. Did you have a 1-iron in your bag?

DAVID DUVAL: I used a 4-iron, chip, and rolled it up the fairway, flew it about 140 yards probably, and it rolled up the rest of the way and it sloped up on the green. It's just the things you have to do. How often are you playing with your 6-iron from 115 yards? I did that a lot over there this year. It's just one of those situations where it requires thought and imagination and a ton of feel.

Q. I don't know if you can tell me about the challenges, balancing out family life, has that been tough for you over the years?

DAVID DUVAL: It has been tough because I think that the difficulty lies in leaving the family. With the range of age in our children, my wife doesn't get to travel a ton. So it gets very hard to leave home. Nobody wants to leave their family? It's just a situation, as a golfer, you deal with it and make the best of it

Q. And of them come out here to the RTO?

DAVID DUVAL: Actually the whole family, except our middle boy came this week, my oldest son and

youngest son were just here and they left.

Q. Has fatherhood kind of heightened your interest in getting back on top of the game?

DAVID DUVAL: It certainly has an impact. I'm not so sure when I was at my lowest if it was an incentive or not. But as I decide to put in some time and some work, I started to get closer to it. It certainly has made me gain a lot more desire to show my family who I am as a golfer.

Like at the Open, my finish wasn't the best, my scores weren't as good. My two oldest boys were there. They are finally getting to see how I can hit a golf ball and what I can do with it. I've always take pride in controlling the golf ball. You want to win golf tournaments. I enjoy moving it and doing what you need to do with it and to be doing that again is a fun thing.

Q. How old are the kids?

DAVID DUVAL: Which ones?

Q. Give us names and ages.

DAVID DUVAL: Dean, 18, 15, 12, 3 and 1 on Sunday.

Q. I know you've been asked about it, Michelle Wie is getting a lot of attention?

DAVID DUVAL: Well, it never has bothered me in the least. I've always had the stance that you are either in the golf tournament, or you are not in the golf tournament. And if you're not exempted in the golf tournament, you are in the same boat as everybody else asking for a spot in the golf tournament, and it's up to the sponsor to make a decision as to what he thinks is best for his tournament, and for the community and for the charitable dollars that can be raised.

It's just a false argument to say that she is taking a spot from anybody because you either have a spot or you don't. I don't know. To me, in a way, you all would know how many has she played in now?

Q. This is her eighth.

DAVID DUVAL: The novelty of it seems like it's wearing off a little bit. More power to her. If she wants to try it. I don't know if the PGA TOUR is exactly the place to gain confidence. You can get your head beat in. It ain't easy out here. If this is where she needs to be right now. I don't know what her situation is playing on the Women's events, or if she can play some, or anymore, I know it's limited. As a professional, she is certainly seeking opportunities to compete. But if you are hearing people talk bad about it, about taking spots, it is coming from the wrong point of view.

Q. Do you think more people would have maybe readily accepted it had she had some success on The Women's Tour before coming over?

DAVID DUVAL: I don't know, maybe. That's a pretty good point. The excitement around Annika over at Colonial when she was No. 1 player in the world was pretty (inaudible). So maybe if she gets to that position, where she is the best woman player in the world, then the excitement might be that much greater.

Q. Thank you, David.

DAVID DUVAL: Thank you.

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