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First-round quotes

AN INTERVIEW WITH WENDY DOOLAN

THE MODERATOR: We got Wendy Doolan here. We'll go over your scorecard first, a 6-under, par 66, 35 and 31. We will start with your front nine which was the backside, birdie on No. 13.**Error! Bookmark not defined.**

WENDY DOOLAN: I had 82 to the hole after my drive and I hit a 60 degree wedge to about ten feet.

Q. And then you followed that up with a birdie on 14?

WENDY DOOLAN: I had 167. That was a few hours ago -- let me try to place 14.

Q. That par-3.

WENDY DOOLAN: Yes, I hit an 8-iron. That was probably 35 feet, the putt down the hill.

Q. You closed the front with a bogey on 18?

WENDY DOOLAN: I hit a good drive down there and I was just in the rough a little bit, and I had 167 to the hole, and I tried to hit it out of the rough and it went into the water. So I hit my second shot, which was 59 yards and I hit it on the back end of the green and 2-putted.

Q. A birdie on No. 6 to get your back side going.

WENDY DOOLAN: Yes, I hit driver, 7-wood and 2-putted from 15 feet.

Q. And then you round out the round with back-to-back eagles. Holed out on No. 8.

WENDY DOOLAN: No. 8 I hit a 54-degree wedge from 109 yards and it went in the hole. And on No. 9 I hit a driver, 7-iron to about 15 feet and made the putt.

Q. 6-under par, 66, you got to be happy with that kind of round to start the tournament?

WENDY DOOLAN: I'm just happy to be playing. Yes, you know, it was windy this morning. As bouncy as the golf course is, you try to get out there and put the ball in the fairway off the tee to give yourself an opportunity to hit on the green. A lot of the pins, because of the direction of the wind, were unattainable today, too, so you are hitting a lot of long putts just simply because you can't get it close. So I'm extremely happy with my score. That was my day today.

Q. You said I'm just happy to be playing, what did you mean by that?

WENDY DOOLAN: I had some injuries at the end of last year and I spent -- it took me a good six or seven months to get healthy. And I'm healthy, and I have been since about the first of February and it feels good just to be healthy and to know that I can get out and do what I do.

Q. Was there a concern that you might not overcome this?

WENDY DOOLAN: No, it was a rib injury that takes time to get over. That's all.

Q. At No. 9 that seems to be a hole where the eagle is out there for people to go and get, is that a hole where you really attack a little bit on 9?

WENDY DOOLAN: I mean 9 you hit it in the fairway. It's all carry to the green. You know, the greens, some people are probably going to hit it real close there because they are going to get a bump and roll. Even so I don't think that pin is extremely attainable either because you really can't predict how much it's going to bounce when it gets on the green. You can easily be putting from ten feet as 30 feet and hit a great shot.

Q. Do you feel like the afternoon players will get a little bit of an advantage with the lack of the wind?

WENDY DOOLAN: No, I mean this golf course, you can play this in the wind, or you can play it without wind. The greens are still the same. The pins are still going to be tough. I mean I feel, yes, no wind is better than some. But I still don't think the golf course is going to change that much.

Q. In your career, have you ever had back-to-back eagles before?

WENDY DOOLAN: No.

Q. That's a good feeling?

WENDY DOOLAN: That was a good one.

Q. Can you describe where did the ball hit on eight? Was it short and a roll up?

WENDY DOOLAN: I believe it landed about 98 and just bounced once and hit the pin and went in.

Q. While I've got you up here, we have had 3 eagles on No. 8 today, what's the key?

WENDY DOOLAN: You had three eagles on No. 8? I guess you got three people that got real lucky on the same day.

Q. Is it the pin that's accessible?

WENDY DOOLAN: As I said, you got three people that got real lucky on the same day.

THE MODERATOR: Anymore questions?

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