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AN INTERVIEW WITH LUCAS GLOVER

(An interview by tape.)

THE MODERATOR: We thank Lucas Glover for stopping by after picking up his first win last week, the big hole-in on the 18th hole to capture his first victory.

Lucas, it's been a day and a half now since the win, has it had time to sink in a little bit for you.

LUCAS GLOVER: Yes, it has. It took me to about 10 miles on this side of Tampa Sunday night to realize that it's a pretty big deal, and I had some good opportunities this week. So that is what sank in the most.

THE MODERATOR: Go back to Sunday when you kind of just walked through, you know, the day for you.

LUCAS GLOVER: Well, we got up. I didn't have to finish. Luckily I was in the middle of the front 9 wave on Saturday, so I got done. And Sunday wasn't looking good for anybody. We were mostly concerned about them finishing the third round. So our scores from Saturday would count.

And then when that happened we were saying, man, I hope we get done Sunday. That was everybody's train of thought all morning Sunday. Get the third round done so those rounds count and please let us get done Sunday.

We made the tournament, and I mentioned Sunday I knew Joe Durant was in the middle, and I made some birdies there at 11, 12 and 13. Joe D needs to get to the house, it's getting a little tight. I wanted the opportunity to finish.

So that was kind of the mindset, was just let us get done. When I kind of got in the mix, I was really hoping we get done and luckily it held off.

THE MODERATOR: Questions?

Q. You said that it didn't really sink in until you just got close to the area on Sunday night. What was it that actually sank in? The exemption, the whole thing about winning?

LUCAS GLOVER: Well, it was just -- I was on cloud 9, just like everybody else that wins anything. And I just started thinking about what it meant and what it could do for me next year and the opportunities it had this year.

I spoke to my teacher, Dick Harmon, on the way down and he just said, hey, I want to come to Atlanta, get refocused and go play this week. I know it's great. It's over and this and that. But I want to come to Atlanta and see you.

So that's the plan, and that's what's we are working for. So that kind of put everything into perspective. It gave me a huge opportunity to play my way into Atlanta. I got some work to do and keep working.

Q. Lucas, I'm not sure, can you think about any other shots, big shots (Inaudible)?

LUCAS GLOVER: Well, they asked me that Sunday and for me, like a bunker shot when I was six years old. But I remember that like yesterday. And Zingers (phn) at Memorial was special. I didn't realize how good that shot was this year until I was actually standing on 18, wow, he made it from there. That being the circumstances, just kind of, whoa, those two bunker shots. Obviously, Gamez on 18 at Bay Hill on 18. For me as a kid, 11 or 12, was that '91?

Q. '90.

LUCAS GLOVER: So I was 10. I still remember that.

And then Tiger's at Augusta this year, to seal it up. It was pretty wild. Sealed up the playoff, I guess.

Q. Is there any rookie hazing when you win your first event, anybody put notes in your locker?

LUCAS GLOVER: The guys were very congratulatory, if that's a word, all of the guys. Everybody I walked past this morning. I had a bunch of phone calls from some players yesterday and Sunday night. That was kind of flattering, an honor to get calls from other players. But nothing really out of the ordinary. I don't do well with a lot of attention. So that's been a little tough. That's about it.

Q. When you win, it distinguishes players, other than the exemption, was the feeling other than, I am a TOUR winner?

LUCAS GLOVER: Well, for me it's just the fact that now I've been wanting to do it for so long. Now that I have done it, and I know I can, makes it easier. Friday, Saturday and Sunday this week, next week, January 7th, whenever the first event starts. It's just instant confidence. I played my way out here, earned enough to keep my card, and finish in the Top-70, boom, a win. It kinds of keeps going. There is levels, just like anything else, status out here, and winning a TOUR event. Other than a Major, is about as high as you can go. For me it will just help me with my confidence and patience on the course.

Of course, there is still a lot of stuff I want to accomplish, and I want to relax, go home, chill out and take the off season. But I keep talking about I still got some stuff I want to do. That just helps with pressure and confidence for me.

Q. Lucas, you have been through that grind, can you reflect back on how those guys are feeling this week? Also, does it's make you think back how you tried to get this first win on the PGA Tour?

LUCAS GLOVER: Yes. I got some friends that I'm pulling for, too, so I will keep up with it. I think I was 17 or 18th, in '03, the first year they was taking 20. The golf course didn't set up pretty good for me. I had been sick in Miami and had to withdraw. It was a tough week. I ended up -- I think one got passed me, and I ended up finishing 17th. It was tough. Like I said, I wasn't playing well.

But that's as nerve racking as anything knowing that three guys finish 1, 2, 3, you don't get your card. But it is in your control. If you play well, it takes care of itself. Looking back to '01, '02, the fall of '01, no status. '02 I didn't have any status either. It's kind of gratifying to know that my hard work did pay off. But other than that, play good and (Inaudible) for those guys.

Q. Talking about a realization, that's the celebration, a trip through the drive-thru on the way over here?

LUCAS GLOVER: Well, I dropped my girlfriend off Orlando, at the airport. She had to go home. A bunch of stuff to do this week for the wedding. And I called Charles Warren, my best friend on TOUR, and talked to him. He was at the grocery store. He said I'm getting some pizza, do you want to come eat? I said I was thinking stopping with my caddy, Coop, buying the boys a round, and maybe having dinner. I started thinking about it. I said they are probably going to live it up a little too much for me right now. I was tired. I did. I headed down here and Charles wife's cooked a big spot of spaghetti. We ate. A couple of other players came over, played cards and talked and just had a low-key fun night.

But I don't know, I didn't even remember the Top-40 I got in at Augusta until I was halfway through and Jennifer said something about it. That's cool. I'm two hours from there. I went when I was 6 to 16. I went every year on Saturday. That's pretty neat. That's a dream come true in itself.

Q. Did you ever play there?

LUCAS GLOVER: Yes, I played four times. We got to play when I was in school. I had a member that would take us there.

Q. Have you been out on the course yet?

LUCAS GLOVER: I played about 10 o'clock this morning.

Q. How is it setting up? Does it surprise you that somebody is able to shoot 18-under on it last year?

LUCAS GLOVER: It's not surprising because conditions are so good and were so good last year. I was here for two rounds last year. The conditions are so good. The greens are some of the best Bermuda greens we ever see. They are unbelievable. They are fast. You get down green, you go, I got to be careful. But today, you get four rounds like today, 8-under would have won. It was blowing pretty good out there. But the rough is up again. It's not very dry, so you're not getting much roll off tee shots. It will be a test. Especially if you keep getting some wind, cooler temperatures, the greens will get firm. They won't have to water them as much as if it were 95 or 90.

THE MODERATOR: Anything else for Lucas? Thank you.

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