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First-round Interview

INTERVIEW WITH JASON GORE

THE MODERATOR: Jason Gore, making your first appearance at the Bank of America Colonial. You went out and shot a 4-under 66. A good day for you. Any opening comments?

JASON GORE: It's nice when the putter starts to work a little bit. It's kind of been a little bit of a weakness this year. I just haven't made any putts. But that's kind of what happened today. Hopefully the greens are so perfect it keeps going.

THE MODERATOR: Let's talk about your finish, the birdies on the last three holes, I believe. It turned a good round into a really good round.

JASON GORE: Yeah, I just hit a 7-iron into 16 to about, I think it is at, 18 feet. And Kirk Triplett was on the same line and I saw his putt roll out, and saw exactly what it was going to do. So, you know, class was in session at that point. And then I made a bomb on 17 from the back, left of the green, which had no business going in, but it went in anyway. I missed about a 4-footer on 4 for a birdie which was pretty disappointing on that hole. I hit a good shot like that and I'd like to sneak one out of there, and missed it. But all I can say, it all evens out apparently. I think.

THE MODERATOR: Questions?

Q Obviously it's a course you like?

JASON GORE: Yeah, it is. We don't see many golf courses like this anymore. It's a wonderful place. The minute you step on the first tee you feel some nostalgia going on. It's like stepping on the tee of Riviera or Pebble Beach, anything like that. The people that have walked these grounds and it's a pretty special feeling that you know to know that I'm walking down the same fairway that Mr. Hogan and Mr. Nicklaus did, all of the greats of all time. And it's a pretty good little feeling.

Q Can you tell me what you were doing last year at this time and just what type of year it's been since. Can you put it in perspective?

JASON GORE: I couldn't even actually. I couldn't even put it in perspective. But, you know, it's been a great year. Last year was a wonderful year. And this year has been, you know, golf-wise it's been just extremely average, so, maybe even struggling to be below average. You know, it's been a struggle. That is nothing new for me. I have never been a hot starter, not that that is an excuse. I think my body starts to feel better when it gets hot. I don't know I'm just getting old. You know I have always kind of been a little bit of a late bloomer. And it's one of these things you have to be patient through. But, you know just, it's been an absolute whirlwind from this time to -- last year to this year this time. Looking for words there. It's been a wonderful learning experience that is for sure. You try to take every new experience and put it in the back pocket and hopefully it will help out in the long run.

Q So what have you been learn about yourself in the handling? I'm sure you had a lot of expectations going into this year and what have you learned about handling about that?

JASON GORE: I learned that expectations really mean nothing. And that what's going on between the ropes really doesn't identify who you are, you know. Nobody has expectations for myself except for me. I think the best way I ever heard it described was, there is only about 7 or 8 people that want to see you do good, you know. And in the whole grand scheme of things because, you know, I would like to say I have friends out here I want to see do good, but I want to see them shoot one shot higher than me. I would love to see guys shoot 66, if I shot 65 everyday. And that is the competitive nature. And the expectations I put on myself were unwarranted. And it was something that I had to get over. I don't have to be anything that I'm not. And, you know, I'm not going to be a player that is going to play well doing that. So I just have to go out and, you know, as Dr. Waddington told me, you played darn well when you are having a good time. And you know, I think it's what I'm trying to do. It's just a shot and really in the whole grand scheme of things who cares. It's one golf shot. And, you know, I hit it out of bounds on 5 today. I could have sat there and packed up and blew it all off. You just kind of hit your next one and say, oh, well, we'll figure it out and move on.

Q So what do you think you tried to be that maybe you weren't early in the year?

JASON GORE: Well I think I had felt like I had to go out and contend and win in every golf tournament, which all I really do is go out and give it all I got. If that is good enough we'll count 'em up in the end and hopefully it's good enough. I just can't try to be Superman and not expect I'm going to hit a bad shot because everybody does. I wasn't being very good to myself thinking about that. Trying to go out if I hit a 7-iron, 20 yards left of the pin, it's oh, gosh, I stink and I'm never gonna -- it's not really that big of a deal. You go humm, oh well. When you start to be less hard on yourself you actually start to hit better. And you know when you are not afraid to 3-putt, you start making more putts. And that is the funny thing about golf. I learn that I'm a human being like everybody else and expect that I'm going to make mistakes. But you know I just won't try to do it twice in a row.

Q Obviously you brought it back nicely, what happened on 5 and is that one of the examples that you are talking about shaking things off?

JASON GORE: On 5?

Q Yeah?

JASON GORE: It was a good ol' fashioned double cross and I tried to hit a cut, and turned it over and sayonara. I hit a home run right over the fence. I got it all. You know, it's a hard hole. It's a difficult tee shot. It's back into the wind. You know. If I do it again then shame on me. But it's one of those things that I hit a bad shot and I wasn't trying to do it. That was the perfect example of getting over it. And then I had to tee it up again and hit the same difficult shot. And hit a good 3-wood down the middle and 4-iron on the green, and 2-putted and it added up to 6 and I went to the next hole. You can't do anything about it and can't change it and you try not to let it affect you on the next shot you hit. Because then you will be really hosed.

Q Do you have to fight the notion when you come here as a first time guy that, you know, this maybe isn't the type of course. A lot of people talk about how this is not a course for long hitters. And it takes the drivers out of your hand and that kind of thing. Is there any sort of mental thing that you have to get over with that?

JASON GORE: You know, this golf course is strange the fact that you can hit drivers on the short hole and you have to hit 3-woods and irons off the longer holes, which is kind of very, very unique. And you know, there is holes that I can hit a driver and take all of the trouble out of play. I hit a driver directly over a tree on 2 and had 70 yards in there today and made birdie. And you know I hit a driver -- I hit a bunch of holes at 80 yards where I took it over the trees. I don't think it's a golf course that takes driver out of your hands. I think you just got to hit it either really high or move it. And, it's just a golf course that you just have to think on. There is holes you can be aggressive on and there are holes you have to be conservative on and realize which ones those are. You can't step up to 5 and bang a driver. You might hit it out of bounds, where I hit my 3-wood. It's a golf course that you have to really have to -- it's a chess game. That is the best way I can describe it. You have to set up every shot for your next one. If the pin is on the right you have to hit it on the right. You can't stand up there and bomb it. You have to step up to the tee and commit and hit the shot. And it's not a free for all.

Q Do you like that kind of golf?

JASON GORE: I love it. For me I don't know why it doesn't set up for the game. The harder the golf course the better I play. Maybe it's just a focus thing. I'm just a mental midget. You see runways out there for fairways, and you try to swing really hard, and for some reason if it looks good to me I can stand up there confidently and do the best I can and hit it there.

Q (Inaudible)?

JASON GORE: Maybe that is what I find fun? Yeah, definitely.

Q Talk about the putt at 17, the driver and finishing with a flurry like that and the carry over from the 3 birdies in a row to finish the round?

JASON GORE: It's always a nice finish. It always makes lunch taste better dinner. Not that I have problem with that. You know, we got up to 17th fairway and hit a 3-iron and I had 145, and I was back into the wind. And I hit a shot and I hit a 8-iron when it was probably a perfect 9-iron, and was not expecting to hit it that solid. And so it just kind of flew to the back of the green, and the wind died, and it went right through whatever wind was up there, and it left a little ticklish little putt, and I hit it and we picked the spot out, 10 feet in front of us, and it rolled and it looked like it would stop, and it fell over drunk, into the hole. It was one of those ones you run up there and you grab your ball, and you run to the next hole because you stole one. But, you know, it's a putt that you are just trying to get down in two and move on. But, I got away with one and I will take it.

THE MODERATOR: Anything else? Okay. Jason gore, thanks.

JASON GORE: Thank you.