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First-round Interviews

AN INTERVIEW WITH NATHAN GREEN

THE MODERATOR: We would like to welcome Nathan Green in the interview room here at the Crowne Plaza Invitational at Colonial. Nathan, an opening round of 65 today. If you could tell us a little bit about your round.

NATHAN GREEN: I got off to a really good start. It picked up around 15. I had a set back on 16 with a double. Most of my game is pretty solid today. I hit a couple of 3-putts.

THE MODERATOR: Questions?

Q. Can you talk about 16, talk about what happened at 16, then you had the weather delay. You are sitting on 17 with a 10 foot birdie putt staring at you, and you have the weather delay. So talk about the timing and everything like that.

NATHAN GREEN: I was in the front bunker on 16, which I could barely move it. It was a pretty tough putt there and made par. 17, I hit it to the right. (Inaudible.) I hit about ten feet. It's good to go in and regroup. I practiced 10 or 15 footers. I went out there and made a good putt, so I started playing a bit, and I'm pretty happy to get in at 5.

Q. (Inaudible)?

NATHAN GREEN: (Inaudible.) I hit a 7. I hit it really poorly. I barely made the front of the green. It's tough. You sort of get a little protected on that tee. The wind is coming from the previous hole some. I hit a poor shot. It was just a bad time to hit it.

Q. What is it about the first and second round, you really go low, practically every tournament?

NATHAN GREEN: Last year I did a lot. This year it hasn't been so much. I'm really not too sure. I think it's my focus to play a little bit better. (Inaudible.) My whole career, that's part of a mental thing now than anything now. (Inaudible.) I made the cut every week, and I think I did pretty well doing that. Sometimes I get too cautious. It will start to get a little bit better, into the weekend and early on.

Q. Nathan, how much does it benefit having you and Jeff in the same group? I don't know what Hunter did. Hunter played well too?

NATHAN GREEN: I played with Jeff on a course a few years ago and Hunter is good friend from Dallas. Everyone is playing well. You didn't have to wait for the first group. If you can go out, it's an easier way to go. (Inaudible.) We all played pretty well.

Q. Playing early on, was it pretty much just your family and friends out there with you?

NATHAN GREEN: Yes, pretty much. They had the course set up so well. But the greens are probably the best I played all year. It's just a great course. The rough is a good length, you can still sort of advance it a little bit. But you really do struggle for control. It's a great place. You watch somebody playing really well, you will see a lot of birdies. It's a great fun course.

Q. Did you have a lot of family here?

NATHAN GREEN: I had my wife came out early. Had to get up early at 6:30. I think there will be a few out tomorrow. A few guys will come out from Craig Ranch (phonetic). It should be a few more out there.

Q. When you say the greens are probably the best you've seen all year, what you do mean by that?

NATHAN GREEN: Well, I'm not a big fan of Bermuda greens. I prefer bent. This is pretty much (inaudible). You've got no one to blame but yourself. You've got no spike marks, or anything like that. You're not going to get conditions like that, especially in Dallas. You have to deal with the wind a lot. (Inaudible.) If you couldn't shoot a good score today, you would never shoot it.

Q. You touched on this a little bit, you talk about the course, I wonder what are the biggest differences in how it's playing between this year and last year? Is it mainly the rough?

NATHAN GREEN: I think the rough is a little more fast. I remember it being a lot dryer. The rough is a bit dryer. And the fairways, I think there is some holes like the 9th and the 7th you get it up there, and get it into wedge distance. (Inaudible.) That's the main difference. The rough is a bit more penalizing. I think today the fairways are running a bit more than they were earlier in the week. It should be really good conditions come Sunday.

Q. That was going to be my question, I was wondering if the fairways are still kind of soft, having some overnight rains here, but apparently not too much?

NATHAN GREEN: Yes, there is a lot more balls running the fairway running through. I think probably an extra 20 yards. I think in the rough a lot will go in. Holes like 9, you just make the fairway. Otherwise, I know you can make double or bogey if you try to go for it especially.

Q. At The Players Championship you talked about you were kind of frustrated, like you knew what was going to happen afterwards. I guess your putting let you down. What's your state of mind now, are you feeling better about your game?

NATHAN GREEN: Probably compared to last week I hit the ball a lot better in practice. And during my week off I haven't had to work as hard, just getting from the range to the course, I struggle, I'm still not hitting it as well as I am during preparation. It's started to come around. The putting definitely hasn't been as consistent this year. (Inaudible). I struggled a little bit. I tried to pick up the work a little bit and hopefully turn things around.

Q. Do you live in Plano?

NATHAN GREEN: Plano, yes.

Q. What time does a guy have to leave Plano to make a 7:30 tee time?

NATHAN GREEN: I stayed here last night. It's probably a little bit too far. It takes 45 minute or two hours. We stayed here last year, stayed in the downtown area, it was nice. We will just stay the week here and take it easy and take a bit of pressure off.

THE MODERATOR: Nathan, a great round today and thanks so much for your time.
