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AN INTERVIEW WITH HEATH SLOCUM

JOE CHEMYCZ: We welcome Heath Slocum into the interview room. Heath with a final round 71 today. Heath, I will just let you talk if you don't mind about the finish there on the last couple of holes then we will open it up for some questions.

HEATH SLOCUM: Well, obviously disappointed with the finish, my last hole. At the same time I felt like golf is such -- I got off to such a bad start, kind of the same old things that kind of plagued me last week were creeping in. But I managed to turn it around going into the back 9, I knew that I was still in the golf tournament. I knew that I was going to have to make some birdies coming in. I made a good putt on 10. I hit it close on 11. I made another putt on 12. A really good shot on 13, kind of went to the green, got up and down. Birdied 14.

I had a good opportunity coming in to 18. I really thought I needed to make birdie to force a playoff. I kind of left my 7-iron out to the right a little bit. I knew it was going to be a really tough putt.

Thursday, the pin, was a little closer to that hump, and a little different angle. But it was sure quick and it sure rolled away from it pretty good.

I knew I wanted to get the ball to the hole, trying to make the putt, and the second putt. I picked a line that I thought was the correct one. I committed to it and made a stroke, and I felt like I hit a good. I actually thought I made it, and I looked up, and it just swung hard. What do you say? Calc played great, too, though. You have to take your hat off to him. He hung in there. And he made some putts early, made some putts on the back 9, and he played good enough to win. On a tough course like this, just grinding it out. That's what you have to do. So that's what I tried to do, unfortunately came up a little short.

Q. How long were the two putts on 18 and was there a good bit of break in the second one?

HEATH SLOCUM: Yes, I want to say the first putt was maybe 25, 30 feet, 28 feet, somewhere in there. And again that broke a ton, too. It was a couple of feet for sure. I think more importantly I was trying to gauge the speed correctly. My pace this week was so good all week. It was. I just didn't hit it hard enough. I think really if it just rolls out

another foot up the hill, it gets all the way to the hole. I knew it was going to be close. The second putt couldn't have been, I mean, maybe three and a half, 4 feet. It was one of those putts you had to play it outside of the hole and had to hit it at the right speed. I felt like I hit a really good putt there. I stayed committed to the putt and I made a good stroke I just didn't play enough break.

Q. You started off right edge and it missed left?

HEATH SLOCUM: Yes.

Q. And you thought it was in all the way until the very end?

HEATH SLOCUM: It's pretty quick, four feet. I felt like, you know, good aiming point. A good stroke it felt like. As soon as I looked up, it looked like it was going in. It was just breaking hard, bottom lip.

Q. One point, Mark is lining up the putt on 15, you might be 3 back, just talk about how things tightened up in the last few minutes?

HEATH SLOCUM: I think even if he makes that putt, I'm still telling myself, I don't want to say concede it. My mind frame is, he has already made that putt to me. I still felt like I needed to put pressure, not pressure, stay in my game, and just try to make some birdies. I kind of left my 7-iron on that hole to the right. I don't want to say I missed an opportunity. If I hit a better shot there, I made 3 there. But I made 4. Yes, definitely when he missed the putt I knew we still had some golf to play. When he bogeyed 16 to get one back. I hit a good shot into 17. I had a good look in it there. It was kind of a weird putt. My caddy and I looked at it and we thought it was going to go a little bit left, and a little bit right, straight overall. I might have pulled it a fraction, but it just never even got on line.

So coming into 18, I hit another one just a fraction right where I was trying to. I was trying to get it up on top of that little knoll up there, up there with the hole, so I could have a better look at birdie.

Q. When your putt didn't go in, Mark looked like he was sick almost, I wonder what he said to you?

HEATH SLOCUM: He said that's not a good way to win a golf tournament. And my first win, Aaron Baddeley and I were battling it out in Tucson, and he 3-putted the last. And I will agree with him. You want to play the best golf to win, but you always hate to see somebody miss a putt on the last to do it. We all play out here, and we all want to win, and we love to make putts to win golf tournaments. It is fun. Don't get me wrong, winning is winning. There is 72 holes of golf, and they all count. Take nothing away from what he did. I understand what he is saying.

When I won the first one, God, I would have loved to make my putt for birdie to win outright. That's why we are out here. And we all feel for each other. We've all missed those putts. We've seen it happen. He just said bad luck.

Q. Heath, one of your best friends was in the same boat 39 inches, did you think about that when you were out there, or do you think about it now?

HEATH SLOCUM: Kind of funny, I didn't even think about it. No, I wasn't thinking about it out there. I was pretty locked in out there. You know, I felt good, I really did. So I guess it is kind of ironic we both missed putts on the last. But, you know, maybe next time we'll both make them. I don't know.

Q. Did anyone ask about the start, not only the start, but you are 4 down going into the

back 9?

HEATH SLOCUM: The start, from the beginning, I've been struggling a little bit going from last week, trying to work on some of my swing flaws. And I tend to hit it in the hill, and they go right.

No. 2, I hit it off the hill, and I hit my approach shot, my lay-up shot on No. 1 on the hill. Then when I knocked it in the water there, yes, it took me a little bit to right the ship but I finally got a feeling back. I really did. I was playing so well the first few days. I just knew that if I could just find that swing again, that rhythm, that I was having, I knew I could make a run on the back. And, you know, I did, and I just came up a little short.

Q. I'm curious if you every pay attention to the guy you are playing with, did you see any body language or anything about Calc at times, he had everything it seemed like well in hand, but at times it looked like it was a grind to hang on. Did you notice that playing with him?

HEATH SLOCUM: Not really. It was such a grind for me in the beginning that I had enough to worry about. I really did. Coming down the end, I knew it was going to be tough. This is a hard golf course. We caught a little bit of wind in the middle. It's a hard golf course to finish on. It just is. When you are leading the golf tournament, you have to hit quality golf shots. You are penalized for any kind of misses out here.

So I was just trying to focus on my game. I knew if I could keep making some birdies, making pars, when I had to, and, you know, I actually had an opportunity.

That's really all I wanted yesterday going in. I was just hoping for a little better result for me.

JOE CHEMYCZ: Anything else. Thank you.
