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Second-round leader quotes

AN INTERVIEW WITH HEATH SLOCUM

JOE CHEMYCZ: Heath, 5-under, 69 today. Talk about the day and let them ask questions.

HEATH SLOCUM: A pretty good solid day when you shoot under par on this golf course, you got to feel kind of good about yourself. I have driven it pretty well the last two days. All of my misses have been kind of the safe side. My short game has been pretty good. The putter saved me a few times. Other than that, I played pretty solid golf. Nothing special by any means. I hit enough fairways and keeping it out of that high rough enough to make a few birdies.

Q. Honda, you will have to correct me on the round, there was a real paddle (phn) in there at some point, I don't know whether it was Friday or Sunday.

HEATH SLOCUM: Thursday.

Q. What happened there, is was there any concern and how good is it to get that gone?

HEATH SLOCUM: 81 on Thursday. Obviously, on a very difficult golf course, difficult conditions. I had gotten some work with my coach the week before, i kind of felt really good going into the week. It was funny something happened on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, it just really lost all feel of everything. And on that golf course, those conditions, it just kind of spiraled out of control. He was coming to this week, my coach, any way, he came and caddied for me last year and came in. I wasn't really that far off so just made a few minor adjustments, and I finally quote got a little feel back to it. The things we are working on -- if I kind of lose touch a little bit sometimes, I guess last week it happened. I just put it out of my head. I played well here in the past. I've had a good tournament here last year. I like the golf course, and I started hitting it better. So that's kind of instantaneous. More confident right there than last week. So I just kind of build on that. The putter is just kind of -- even as bad as I played last week, I actually made some putts to shoot those scores. I know I was kind of still rolling the ball well.

Q. You made some putts to shoot 81?

HEATH SLOCUM: I did. And the next day I even made more.

(Laughter).

Q. This golf course is well thought of, but in conditions like they were today, which just seemed perfect, I'm guilty of expecting a lot more low scores, and not so much, not so many struggles. Is it that tough out there to set up?

HEATH SLOCUM: It is. When the greens are kind of firm like this, and some of these hole locations, it's hard to get at. Even if you are hitting good shots at 20 feet, it's hard to make 20-footers, especially out here when there is considerable amount of break in the greens. You have to be careful if you roll above the hole, or below it. This golf course is hard. It's a hard driving golf course as well. You have to hit a lot of good quality drives just to hold some of these fairways.

Q. Even in perfect conditions?

HEATH SLOCUM: Yes, if the wind blows, we are in for some fun.

Q. There is a lot of fun last week. This week is obviously a hard course, next week is Bay Hill, is this a good trend, do you like to see this week after week?

HEATH SLOCUM: What I like, especially about last week, this week and next week is that it definitely puts the premium on shot making, on hitting fairways, which kind of plays more to my game. I definitely like making the fairways hard to hit, the greens, you know, hard to get at pins. You have to think out there. You have to go get it. I don't hit it that far. Any time they put it in there where you have to plot your way around the golf course, I love it. Even if I don't play well like last week -- a great golf course, great tournament, great conditions. Frankly it was perfect for me, and I just didn't play well.

Q. You are pretty close with Boo, aren't you?

CAMILO VILLEGAS: Yes, we actually graduated high school together. We played four years of high school golf together. He is a real good friend, so I was pulling very hard for him.

Q. Have you talked with him since?

HEATH SLOCUM: We went fishing out here on Wednesday after we practiced. He is obviously disappointed. I think more than anything he is finally seeing how good a player he is, and how good he can be. I think he will take a lot from that and roll with it. Anybody in that situation would be a little bit devastated. But I think even more it was a good finish for him, a good tournament, two straight weeks. I was surprised that he didn't play any better this week. I don't know how he is playing today. But he is incredibly talented. So I was pulling hard for him. I like Mark, too. I'm glad he got his first win, but I will say I was pulling for Boo.

JOE CHEMYCZ: Other questions?

Q. What pins did you think today were brutal?

HEATH SLOCUM: Let me think, not a bunch. You know, I don't know if any of them were so much brutal. No. 5, the par-5.

Q. Where was that today?

HEATH SLOCUM: Front right, everything is kind of stepping away. I think when I went through there, there wasn't a ton of wind at the bottom of the hill. You had a lot of good yardage to so it actually makes it a lot easier. I don't think there is anything absolutely killer today. I think there were a lot of good pins, they were just tough to get at.

Q. Are the scores bunched because there is not many birdies out there, or bunched because there is ample birdies, or bogeys if you fall asleep for a second?

HEATH SLOCUM: I think a combination of both. I do. I don't know what the winning score was last year. I bet there were a lot of guys around maybe the 8 to 10. I just think when you get a difficult course and, you know, you're just not making tons of birdies. Like you said, bogeys aren't that far off. Yes, scores are going to pretty much be bunched. It's hard for anybody here to run away. I think Cliff had it at 8-under through 11 yesterday. We were like you got to be kidding me. Like you said, it's just hard to keep that going out here for 18 holes. It really is.

Q. The No. 1 trait, if someone were to say, why is it hard, and you can only answer in 5 seconds or less.

HEATH SLOCUM: It's demanding off the tee, demanding with the irons, trouble at every corner, the rough is high.

Q. Heath, do you like where you are at, will you change your approach for the weekend?

HEATH SLOCUM: I do like where I'm at. I think the same thing, the same kind of mentality, go out, it's so cliché, but really you just have to worry about getting your ball in the fairway. And from there trying to put it in the best position on the green to have a good birdie putt. And from there, if you get above some of these pins, you are really just trying to tickle it down there, and take your par and go. Par is a good score on this golf course. So you good a few opportunities to put a shorter club in your hand, try to take advantage of those opportunities. Some of the other par-3s, par-4's, I really do sit on the green, see if I can get a decent putt at it, and if I make par that's fine. Go to the next and try again.

JOE CHEMYCZ: Okay. Thank you.
