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AN INTERVIEW WITH HEATHER BOWIE YOUNG

DANA GROSS-RHODE: We have Heather Bowie Young who is defending champion from last year, do you want to talk about coming back to your last victory.

HEATHER BOWIE YOUNG: Well, it's the first time I've defended. (Inaudible). When I got into town, I got a good vibe and I'm just glad to be here.

DANA GROSS-RHODE: We'll take some questions whenever you're ready.

Q. (Inaudible)?

HEATHER BOWIE YOUNG: I was asked yesterday if I was a good mudder. I have won being a good mudder, and I have lost.

Q. When you were asked that before the rain started, did you get a sinking feeling?

HEATHER BOWIE YOUNG: Well, I thought it might have been an examination. I guess, it's been raining since 4:00 yesterday and hasn't stopped. I'm staying at Maumee. When I got up this morning, on my way here, at 7:30, and I left the hotel, it wasn't raining there at all. ^so ^ some I had no idea the pro-am would be canceled until I got here.

Q. Does it change your approach yet?

HEATHER BOWIE YOUNG: Well, it does change your approach, it changes your preparation. As soon as I get done here, I'm going to try to find a golf course here in Michigan, or some where south, that has at least a range or something. I would like to hit some balls. I don't need to play. I would like to hit some balls. Yesterday, I only played 9 holes. I was in the Shoot Out. I typically play 18 on Tuesday. We only got in 9 yesterday. When I was playing in the tournament, it was thundering here. It just puts everything on hold. We have delays all the time. Last week the pro-am got cancelled. So we're used to it, playing golf.

Q. (Inaudible)?

HEATHER BOWIE YOUNG: Well, like my first time what you do in the past doesn't have any bearing on what you are going to do this week. So I've tried to be even more focussed than I normally would, and try not to think about having past success here because that doesn't guarantee future success. You still have to go out and do it.

Q. Since you won here last year (inaudible)?

HEATHER BOWIE YOUNG: I don't know if it has. Last year was a better year than this year. That's kind of the way golf is. I haven't really -- I played consistently this year. I haven't had any great weeks either. That's just the way golf is, it has its ups and downs and you try to get through them.

I'm not really down, but I'm certainly not -- I'm not playing as well coming into this event last year.

Q. This is the last event of the first half of this ADT point system, what are your thoughts on that? A number of other people told me they don't really understand it. They will see how it plays out.

HEATHER BOWIE YOUNG: I understand it. I think it's very exciting for the fans. I think it's very exciting for the sport. I'm not in the chase. I'm not in the playoffs right now, and even if I win this week I don't think I would be in.

So I'm looking, in terms of that, to the second half. But it's very exciting for the sport. I hope to be in it. I'm not right now.

But as far as, you know, how the field plays out, it will be interesting to see who the 32 are, and how it shakes out. I understand how it works. It will be just exciting to see how it pans out. Who gets in and who doesn't.

Q. So you figure in the second half there is going to be a lot of checking points, you kind of figure out what you need to do?

HEATHER BOWIE YOUNG: I'm sure there will be a lot of people who do that. I'm not one of those people. I don't ever look at the Money List. I look at it maybe once every two months. I don't look at stats like that because that's not why I play golf. I play golf each week to see how well I can do. For me, it's not a positive motivator to look at points every week. It would make it more difficult for me. I just go out and play the best I can that week and whatever happens, happens.

If I play well, I will be in the playoffs.

If I don't, I will try next year.

Q. How does having Annika and Nancy here raise the level of competition, does that put more pressure on you as the defending champion coming back?

HEATHER BOWIE YOUNG: It may put less pressure on me actually since it's a stronger field. With Annika in the field, she is a great player. I played her last week in Match Play and lost in the second round to her. She just doesn't make any mistakes.

When I played her she hit 15 out of 16 greens and doesn't really give you any chances. You definitely have to go and earn it.

So it may put less pressures on me having Annika in the field. But also whoever wins this week, it definitely, if it's not her, it's a notch in their belt because they know they beat a great field.

Q. With Nancy Lopez coming back and playing in the Farr, and seeing her, is it exciting for you when you first started playing and grew up that you looked up to her, maybe saw her and kind of emulate your play after her, I guess?

HEATHER BOWIE YOUNG: Well, I think every player, at least definitely all of the Americans on the LPGA grew up idolizing or looking up to Nancy Lopez. Whenever you can play in a field she's in -- it says a lot, I think, for the tournament. Nancy doesn't play much. She picked

this week to play. I think it says a lot for the tournament. It is exciting for me because when I retire I will be able to tell my kids or grandkids that I played with Nancy and against Nancy. That will be a great honor.

Q. Do you enjoy days like today because it is kind of more relaxing; you may go hit some balls, but you get really a day off?

HEATHER BOWIE YOUNG: I do get a day off but this isn't the one that I wanted. Last night we were supposed to have a closest to the pin. That got canceled. And with Jamie, and that got cancelled. I'm probably more disappointed than relaxed. This was definitely a week I was looking forward to and it's raining. I was look forward to today and would like to play, but I will just make the best of a situation.

DANA GROSS-RHODE: Any other questions?

Q. Winning aside last year, you had great success here for five out of six times or whatever, what about this course suits you and vice versa?

HEATHER BOWIE YOUNG: I don't know. I've played well in Ohio particularly since I was in college. I don't even know. The golf courses are more traditional. They are tree lined. You can't hit it all over the place and play well here.

If you hit in the rough, you got to get it back in play and play for par. I definitely seem to make more putts here. I don't know if I just read the greens better here than I do other places.

But that's always a bonus. If you can get on a green and see the line and be right a lot of the time, it gives you a lot of confidence. If you are confident, you are usually going to play better.

DANA GROSS-RHODE: Thank you, Heather. Good luck this week.

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