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Second-round Interview

### AN INTERVIEW WITH CHARLEY HOFFMAN

**THE MODERATOR:** We welcome Charlie Hoffman, co-leader in the clubhouse at 9-under, 131 here at the 2006 Bank of America Colonial. Charlie, 3 top 10's this year, you are rookie of the year. You are off to a good start.

**CHARLEY HOFFMAN:** It's been good. I have had a few more chances the last six weeks I have been on the road. I played pretty good going into Houston. I was third or fourth coming in on Saturday and then the week after that I was playing good in New Orleans. Obviously last week I was playing all right.

**THE MODERATOR:** You had a T-8 last week, and good golf continued into this week. Tell us about what your first trip to Colonial has been like.

**CHARLEY HOFFMAN:** It's been great. Originally I wasn't going to play this week, but then after looking at all of the tradition they have here I thought I couldn't pass it up after I earned my way in here. And the golf course I like. Most people wouldn't say it fits my game perfectly, but I really like the way the greens set up. The greens are perfect, and play the bunker in and it's awesome. And everything has been going pretty good so far.

**THE MODERATOR:** It took you a couple of years to get through the Nationwide Tour and out here, but talk a little about that experience.

**CHARLEY HOFFMAN:** Yeah. Sometimes you have just got to believe in yourself that you can make it through and get out here. I think that is the most important. So many guys have so much talent and until you really start believing in yourself you are not going to get through that hump to get out here. And then I mean the Nationwide Tour they have some serious competition down there.

**THE MODERATOR:** Questions?

**Q** Are you making a case for yourself for rookie of the year?

**CHARLEY HOFFMAN:** I think I have to get a win. J.D. has a win already, and Camilo has a few 2nds. And I say those 2 are at the top of the race. If you get a "W" somewhere down the line I think it's a chance.

Q Was last week really your first time in contention? (Inaudible)?

CHARLEY HOFFMAN: Yeah. It was nice there. I played good in Atlanta. And I played good into Tucson. And I mean that is the first time I think I had the lead. I wasn't quite sure, but I think I had the lead with about four or five holes to play, a couple of hiccups coming down the stretch. But I mean the first time there, I mean, one bad swing the rest of the way in. I made a few putts and I would have finished the top 2 or 3. I was never really nervous. And I think that is a bonus going into this weekend. And just believing in what I have got and I know I will hit a few bad shots here and there, and hopefully they are enough to save pars.

Q I take it you are or aren't surprised with yourself?

CHARLEY HOFFMAN: No. Lately not. Maybe early in the year it may have been a little bit of a surprise. It's been happening regularly now. So now my whole focus is not just to get a top 10 it's to get a win. I think that is what my problem was earlier on this stretch of six weeks I have been on the road, was I was trying to play good solid golf. I might have been a little too conservative to get a win. And now, I think going into this weekend I'm going to try to win. I have had my top 10  s  and I'm going to keep going.

Q (Inaudible)?

CHARLEY HOFFMAN: Obviously the main difference is that I'm out here. I wouldn't say a whole different game-wise. A surprisingly a good putter I would quote myself as. And I hit it fairly decent off the tees. And you look at the Permian Basin Open. If you know that golf course it's pretty close to this type of golf course it's kind of tight, and small greens. And I would say I'm a fairly good wedge player and a decent iron player. And I just like seeing good targets, I think. That's the main thing.

Q (Inaudible)?

CHARLEY HOFFMAN: Yeah. You have to be pretty smart or you have to pick your pins you go after. And not all of them are going to be the pins you go after. So you can't make birdie on every whole. You have to be smart and make a bunch of pars and when you have a chance to go after the pin and make a birdie.

Q You talked about sort of making the transition from trying to play for the top 10 and now thinking of playing to win. And I wondered what the process is like in terms of believing that you are good enough to do that. Because obviously you have to get that belief that you can win, and what sort of happened or what did you see that made you elevate your sense of expectation?

CHARLEY HOFFMAN: Well obviously if I have been there after two rounds I can be there after four rounds. I mean it's as simple as that. If I have been up in the top 5, three or four of these weeks after two or three rounds, why can't I do it after four? And also seeing Chris Couch win, and Brett win, and J.D. win and all of those guys playing good, why can't I go out there and do the same thing?

THE MODERATOR: All right. We'll go through your birdies and bogeys today.

[Scorecard]

THE MODERATOR: Anything further for Charley?

Q I guess you are an LB?

CHARLEY HOFFMAN: Yes.

**Q** Who did you play with and room with?

**CHARLEY HOFFMAN:** I didn't room with anybody. I played Chad Campbell and Chris Riley were there. My senior there and their freshman year, Adam Scott. It was my senior year. There was serious talent there.

**Q** Was that the championship year?

**CHARLEY HOFFMAN:** '98 I was on the championship team. Bill Lundy and Scott Anderson and myself and Jeremy Anderson has been on tour and we won in '98.

**Q** You grew up in San Diego?

**CHARLEY HOFFMAN:** I grew up in San Diego in a small town.

**Q** Who were your junior running buddies, Kevin?

**CHARLEY HOFFMAN:** Kevin was a couple years younger than me. Bill played the Nationwide Tour the last two years. You are probably not too familiar with him. His grandpa started me playing golf. He grew up four houses down from me and we both started playing and we both live in Vegas now. He is recently not playing any longer. He was on the team also the national championship. So I would say he is the guy I ran with and played the most golf with growing up.

**Q** Would he be doing any panty raids or anything?

**CHARLEY HOFFMAN:** Chad is a mellow guy as you all know he is a good guy.

**Q** I'm curious. Obviously a lot of people recognize you with the hair and all of that kind of stuff. Do you enjoy that kind of thing that that generates, or is it something where you go, oh, geeze?

**CHARLEY HOFFMAN:** No. I put it on myself. If I am going to walk around with this sort of hair I have to be able to take a few comments here and there. I think that is my personality. Being a little different than everybody else out here. Sort of sometimes I don't know how to describe this. It's pretty much the same everybody looks the same. People are breaking out with the Jay Lindeberg and everybody is making an identify for themselves. I'm going to get a trim next week when I have a week off. It's getting a little long and hot. It's just sort of who I am, free wheeling and going.

**Q** You said being different from the guys. And I'm wondering, do you think you look at things differently than most guys out here?

**CHARLEY HOFFMAN:** I think everybody -- if you are on the PGA tour you are in a good frame of mind. I don't think I look at anything different than anybody else at all. I do have fun. I'm not a guy that goes and sits in my hotel room and looks myself in there. I went to two basketball games last week in Dallas. And I'm a guy that likes to get out and see a little bit of the town, not sitting in the room.

**Q** Have you seen anything this week?

**CHARLEY HOFFMAN:** No. I hung out in Dallas Monday night for the game. And then came down here and played practice round on Tuesday. And then I was thinking of going up to Dallas tonight for the game, but I'm probably going to take it easy tonight.

**Q** Are you upset about --

**CHARLEY HOFFMAN:** I'm not a huge Dallas fan. I like watching basketball.

**Q** (Inaudible)?

**CHARLEY HOFFMAN:** I was too young for that.

**THE MODERATOR:** All right guys. Thanks, Charley.