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**Final-round tournament quotes:**

### **AN INTERVIEW WITH JULI INKSTER**

**(Interview by tape.)**

Q. Congratulations.

JULI INKSTER: Thanks.

Q. Outstanding play, a very strong weekend?

JULI INKSTER: Yes, I played very well today. I just hit a lot of really good shots. I had a lot of chances at birdie. You know, during my round, where I started making them, you know, I hit No. 6 in 2. And then 7, I made about a 25-footer and that kind of kept me going.

8, I chipped in from behind the hole, and I just of started getting on kind of a roll.

Q. How far was the chip-in?

JULI INKSTER: I was just behind it, probably a 10 yard chip. The pin was in the back. So that kept me going and then I hit it on the green on 9 and 2-putted.

And then I hit it just short on 10 and chipped over and made about a foot putt.

And I made two good birdies the next hole, about 8-footers, so I just kept going. Then I'm right in the middle of the fairway on 13, and I took my sand wedge to the trap, tried to get it up and down and bogeyed. I was blowing there. I had a perfect wedge in there, perfect yardage, and everything, and I hit it real heavy.

But, you know what, any time you can make that many birdies as I made today, I will take that any time.

Q. When you make 7 in a row like that, is the thought process, nothing will stop me right now?

JULI INKSTER: I didn't even know. I think the most I've ever made in a row was 6. So I really didn't even know how many I was making in a row. I guess that's a good sign.

Q. Well, that means you're playing the course?

JULI INKSTER: Yes, I was hitting the ball so good, I felt I could birdie every hole. It's not often that you get in that little bit of a zone. So it was fun.

Q. You know with some many people talking about the young players on Tour, what you continue to do, week in and week out, and post some good rounds and low scores, what does that say about that, for some of us older people?

JULI INKSTER: I think you are only as old as you think you are. I think younger players out here helps me keep young. I have 2 young daughters. I try to keep up with them. I feel like I'm in the best shape I've ever been. It's just hitting the ball as far as I've ever hit it. So it's just a number.

There is a lot of 20-year olds out here that I can beat, 18 or 16, or whatever they are.

On any given day, I feel like I can play with anybody. I might not do it every week.

Q. It's funny, I was coming up 18, and I can't miss it, did you see the Hilton sign that said Menopause the Musical for people who are a little bit older?

JULI INKSTER: I didn't. I'm not in that stage yet.

Q. But what it does, it definitely shows that age is a state of mind?

JULI INKSTER: It is. If you do things to keep yourself young, and I really enjoy what I do. I love playing golf. I love practicing. I love competing. It's not a job to me. And maybe that helps too.

Q. I have a question for you, people said the last time you won before basically was Weetabix in 2003, they may be doubting you, but you are kind of on fire in 2006.

JULI INKSTER: You know, they can doubt me as much as they want. I don't play for the money. I play for the game. I enjoy being out here. I have a lot of good friends out here. I don't feel like I have anything to prove to anybody.

Unfortunately, with golf, it's kind of what have you done for me lately? They don't look at how you played over a consistent amount of time. I'm okay with that.

I worked really hard this winter. I knew that I could get back in that winner's circle and play some good golf. It's coming along.

Q. You talk about now you are hitting the ball farther than you have?

JULI INKSTER: I don't know farther, the same. I'm not losing distance.

Q. So you are just keeping it consistent, is that what you worked on in the winter?

JULI INKSTER: No, I just worked on my swing. I wasn't happy the last couple of years the way I was swinging. I just wasn't competing. I just felt like I wanted to compete with the caliber of players out here now. I needed to make a change, so I did.

I didn't think it would pay off this quick. I'm just hitting a lot of really consistent shots.

Q. Can we go over your scorecard, No. 1?

JULI INKSTER: No. 1, I hit a 9-iron about two feet, made birdie.

2, I hit a sand wedge about eight feet, made that for birdie.

6, I hit a 3-wood on and about a 20-footer for eagle and 2-putted, tap-in.

7, I hit a 9-iron to about 25 feet and made that for birdie, 10 yard chip-in.

Q. You chipped it in?

JULI INKSTER: Yes. 9, I hit a 7-iron on the green and 2-putted from about 18 feet.

10, I chipped over, par putt.

Q. How far out were you chipping from?

JULI INKSTER: Just off the green, just a chip and run.

Q. 11?

JULI INKSTER: 11, I hit a pitching wedge about ten feet, made that for birdie.

12, I hit a sand wedge, made that for birdie.

13, I missed a 12-footer for par.

15, I hit that 8-iron a little bit short, missed about a 4-footer for par.

Q. How far out were you?

JULI INKSTER: 145.

Q. 8-iron, 145, chip, missed putt?

JULI INKSTER: Four footer. 16, I hit a 9-iron, made that for birdie.

Q. How far out?

JULI INKSTER: 145.

18, I hit a 4-iron on and 2-putted and made about a 6-footer, 5-footer.

Q. Thank you.

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