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Pre-tournament interviews

AN INTERVIEW WITH JENNIFER ROSALES

THE MODERATOR: All right. We have defending champ, Jennifer Rosales. Let's talk a little bit about winning here a year ago and what that win meant to you.

JENNIFER ROSALES: Okay. Of course it meant a lot to me. It was my first win, and I'm just happy that I did it last year in this tournament.

Q. How is your game now as opposed to last year?

JENNIFER ROSALES: I had a couple of injuries a couple of weeks ago and I'm not really confident enough. But I'll try my best this week.

Q. Does this course offer a favourable setup for you?

JENNIFER ROSALES: Well, it's so different now. They cut off the rough. It's a totally different course. I prefer the course last year when it's a little tougher. Now it's going to be some low numbers this week.

Q. You like harder courses?

JENNIFER ROSALES: Yes, I prefer that. I really do. I like to play on tough courses.

Q. What did the win do for your career?

JENNIFER ROSALES: A lot because I won here and it was a pretty good field and it gave me a lot of confidence about my game.

Q. How has the course played so far this week?

JENNIFER ROSALES: Different, it played shorter today and balls are rolling pretty good in the fairways. The greens are holding pretty good so, I don't know. We will see on the weekend how it's going to be.

Q. With the golf course setup the way it is, does that bring more players into it?

JENNIFER ROSALES: Oh, definitely. There's going to be lot of birdies out there.

Q. Looking back at the U.S. Women's Open last year, was that a bad experience for you and how have you dealt with it?

JENNIFER ROSALES: It wasn't bad. It was a lack of experience for me being in a lead in a major. I was playing great. There was nothing I could do that day. I was just watching her the whole time and trying to get some pointers on how she dealt with it. I always take that in a positive way. I played good the whole week and I just didn't win.

Q. How hard is the process of learning how to win?

JENNIFER ROSALES: Oh, exactly. It's just keep yourself in a chance to win the majors. It's a big accomplishment for me last year. I just didn't pull it off. But I'm happy the way I played, so no regrets. I just learned from it.

Q. Since winning, has the attention that has been focused on you changed?

JENNIFER ROSALES: It doesn't really bother me, it's just, you know, how good you are playing when you get a lot of attention so that means it's working.

Q. What is like at home?

JENNIFER ROSALES: It's a little different back home. All they see is me. I mean just me. It's a tough life to be out there and just watching 24/7, you know.

Q. You have rock star status?

JENNIFER ROSALES: Yes, it's hard but it goes with what I do. If you play good then you get it a lot back home.

Q. How often do you go home?

JENNIFER ROSALES: Well, I'm heading back in a couple of weeks and I told my mom not to say anything, you know, but we're fighting right now because the media knows that I'm going home, and with my win in the beginning of the year they want a big -- they want to make it big, especially my sponsors back home. But I want to go home and just take it easy and spend time with my mom and my family. But it's not going to be that way, I guess.

Q. The spoils of success?

JENNIFER ROSALES: Yes, it goes with it. It comes with what I do. I just play good and you get that.

Q. Does it feel rewarding to have people focusing on your golf game now as opposed to your fashion style?

JENNIFER ROSALES: It does. For me I just love to express myself out there by the way I dress. Ever since I was like that when I was young. So if I look good out there, I feel good inside.

Q. What have you added to your game?

JENNIFER ROSALES: I've been working a lot on my short game. My long game is there, it's just a matter of making putts.

Q. And how has it turned out?

JENNIFER ROSALES: Been missing and making.

Q. How is your wrist doing?

JENNIFER ROSALES: My wrist is doing fine. There is no pain, so I'm happy where I am right now. It happened four years ago in Hawaii.

Q. Have you had problems recently?

JENNIFER ROSALES: Yes, three weeks ago I did in Mexico. So a couple of weeks ago in Nashville, the pain, I never felt so much pain in my life with my wrist, and I was so worried that I would be off for quite a long time. In Nashville I was just so happy that I would get to play in Virginia. It warmed me up to defend my title, so I am happy I am out here playing.

Q. Were you worried about not being able to defend your title?

JENNIFER ROSALES: I was worried about that, yes.

Q. What makes Annika so much better than the rest of the Tour?

JENNIFER ROSALES: She is just very consistent, you know. I don't know how to describe her, she is just an unbelievable player. When she missed, she missed good. That's what it is. It's not about hitting good shots here. It's about missing it and still hitting your target is how she plays. Everything happens to her. She just makes it happen.

Q. What was it like for you to play with her?

JENNIFER ROSALES: I played with her a few times last year and I learn every time. I'm always happy to play with her because you know you are going to learn things when you play with her.

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