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AN INTERVIEW WITH ROSIE JONES

ROSIE JONES: What do you want to know? I had three birdies, one eagle, one double and a bogey. **Error! Bookmark not defined.**

Q. A roller coaster round for you out there.

ROSIE JONES: A little bit, you know. You got to know that when you got on these greens that you're going to make some bogeys. Yesterday I kind of did the same thing I make a birdie, make a bogey, make a birdie, bogey, birdie bogey. Until I finally kept a couple coming in.

But today, I ran into a little trouble on the third hole. I birdied No. 2, which is one of the toughest holes out there, a dog leg left, a long dog leg left. I made a great 20-footer for birdie.

On No. 3, I got into the rough and then into the front bunker. And the pin is up on the upper shelf of the top there, it came out of the bunker. It almost got up to the top there. It ran off the green to about 20 yards below the green. So another pitch up there, and a 2-putt for a double.

So I came back with a birdie on No. 6, and I hit that just so I didn't have to go over it again, I hit it -- I hit it -- I forget. I hit a 9-wood up there about 12 feet and made that for birdie.

And then No. 7, I had a 3-putt for -- seven is a par-5, right? Yes. I got into a little trouble with my driver again, and once I did get on the green, I wasn't real close and misread the putt and 3-putt for a bogey there.

Q. (Inaudible)?

ROSIE JONES: My first putt was probably about 30 feet, and then I had about a five-footer left for par. No sweat.

Go around all the way to 12, I'm trying to think of what 12 is. A par-5, I hit like a little baby 9-iron up there about three feet from the hole and made that for birdie.

And then I ran into a little trouble on 14, caught the tree by the green, dropped it right below it, hit a great shot up there, about four feet above the hole and made that for par.

15, that's a tough hole because that's the one with the big tree in the middle of the fairway. I like to take a little driver, tee it up, just hardly tee it up, and skinny it down under the tree. I hit a little 9-iron in there and knocked it into the hole. Nothing but net.

Q. How many yards?

ROSIE JONES: 126. And 16, I hit a good shot in there. I had about 12 feet, missed it.

17, I ran into a little problem, had a tough shot, third shot going in there. I was just over the green, chipped it up there about a foot for par.

And then No. 18, 2-putt for par.

I had other chances like, you know, on the -- on No. 11. I had a couple of other chances for birdies back there. I missed a six-footer. I missed a five-footer for birdie.

So I had some chances out there to, you know, score really well but these greens are tough.

Q. What club did you hit in on two for that birdie?

ROSIE JONES: Oh, a 5-wood.

Q. This course had a tee shot -- how tough is this course to make up shots?

ROSIE JONES: You can lose a tee shot swing in about two seconds.

Q. Is it easy to do it here --

ROSIE JONES: Very, very. Yes, very easy to do it here. It's easier to lose them than it is to pick them up. That's why the scores are like they are.

So, you know, one little -- you get on the wrong side of the hole, or, just, you know, get a bad read or a bad bounce, and all of a sudden, you know, you are looking at something coming back.

Q. What are the odds of Annika doing that tomorrow?

ROSIE JONES: Chances are, you know, she is a player just like we are. She is only two shots up on me. You know, it's not like she's, you know, unable to make mistakes. She probably has made a lot coming into here as I have. You know, you never know. She is very, very strong player on Sunday. You have to know that she usually makes less mistakes than the rest of us, but that doesn't mean that we're not trying.

Q. (Inaudible)?

ROSIE JONES: I know. What are the chances? She has better chances. Of course, she has better chances. She is a great player. Her history shows that she has come up on top way more times than I have.

Q. Your mindset tomorrow going in is not to push it on a course like this, is it?

ROSIE JONES: Well, I'm not going to worry about what anyone else is doing. I'm just going to go out and keep on doing what I'm doing. I know I'm going to make some more bogeys. I hope I make more birdies, and maybe I don't make bogeys. Maybe I play a little bit smarter, hit my driver a little bit better and play a little smarter.

Q. (Inaudible)?

ROSIE JONES: Well, you know what, it's from tee to green. It's not really that more difficult except the ball, you know, because of the way the greens are designed, it's really hard to get close to the pins and when you do, then your job is not done, because they are very sloped, they are very fast, they're very tricky to read.

If you're not on the right deck, if you're not on the right place, putting at the hole, then you have to play more of a defensive game on the greens and that's hard to score when you are playing defense. You are just trying to get it up there, and you are not trying to knock it by.

And that's the way you have to play a lot of these greens, a lot of these pin positions. Even though there is not very many places to put them on, where the officials are putting them on there, they are very tough. Very short areas and fall off deck and stuff like that.

It's like they have the whole place right up here to put it, but they got to put it right up on the corner.

Q. The greens are they pretty tough in comparison to the rest of the TOUR?

ROSIE JONES: I think they are. They are different because they are so moist right now. They are holding really well. They are spinning back for certain shots and stuff like that. But at the same time there is that poanna grass. And it's so soft, you know, that it's easy to indent. So it's not as true. But that's what makes it so tough, that's what makes it so difficult.

Q. Softer today than yesterday?

ROSIE JONES: I played at different times of the day. So yesterday afternoon they were still, you know, very acceptable to the ball. Not like I remember a couple of years ago, I think they were a little harder. I didn't play here last year.

Q. (Inaudible)?

ROSIE JONES: Well, you know what, every day, you know, that takes the fear away from me if I make a mistake and make a bogey, I'm not going to go, oh my God, I'm three shots back. I know I'm going to make some bogeys, and I know I'm going to make some birdies.

When you play greens like this you just cannot know that you're not going to make any of these. I've played several tournaments where I don't make any bogeys at all, not at all in the whole tournament.

But the reality is that these greens here are so tough that, you know, chances are you are probably going to make a bogey, you just can't, you know, be discouraged by it or freak out.

And in that, in my mindset, when I tee it up, I just hope no one makes five birdies to the one bogey I'm making, or 7 birdies.

But you just can't, you know, once you back up a little -- today, I birdie on No. 2, and then I double No. 3. So I think I'm doing good, I'm 3-under, I'm feeling good. All of a sudden I go back to one. Now if I freak out about that, and I start guarding my 1-under, what happens to me I probably come in here 1-over.

But I know you are going to make mistakes. I made a mistake trying to cut too much off with that sand shot. I should have played over to the left there and taken a 10 or 12-footer, to try at it for par. But, no, I was trying to go at it, trying to get a little too cute and ended up 20 yards below the green. So you pay for some of your mistakes. You know you are going to make some. You hope you don't. But you have to be acceptable to, you know, your mistakes, or you start to tense up and you start grinding and guarding something that, you know, you can't guard. You got to go more.

Q. The chip you had on 14 looked really impressive, that was a tough shot, wasn't it?

ROSIE JONES: 14 was kind of under that tree. I couldn't see, but just the top of the pin. I knew that I -- the only thing going for me, the whole thing is like a hill, and I knew that it wasn't going to be real fast once it hit the ground, and the only thing is I couldn't go right to the pin because of the tree, so I had a little bit of slope helping me, but when I got it up above the hole, it wasn't an easy putt, it was like straight down.

Q. What did you hit coming into that?

ROSIE JONES: Well, I had about 158. And I took an easy 5-iron and hit it a little to right, and that tree is so big, you just don't realize it on the front pin you just can't do that. There it is, you walk up -- I hadn't played this course last year, and we only had one front pin before, I'm sure I hit it over to that left side. You either get stuck on the left side, or you on the green, or you bail out right a little bit. That tree was just --

Q. (Inaudible)?

ROSIE JONES: No, you guys. I don't ever give up and say this is a bogey, no way. Once you have a bogey and you go okay, just back up a little bit and here I go.

Q. (Inaudible)?

ROSIE JONES: Yes, I'm the trash queen, are you kidding me? I can get up and down from anywhere.

Q. What score do you think will win?

ROSIE JONES: It might get to 10. It just depends, you know, what the weather does. If it gets a little warmer I think so. Right now with the overcast, it's just a little dampy cold. A little bit of breeze out there. It's not awful. It's just hard really to kind of let loose and go. For me, anyways.

I'm at 4, I can shoot 6-under tomorrow, yes, that would be nice. I don't know though. It might be 6.

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