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First-round tournament quotes

AN INTERVIEW WITH KRISTY McPHERSON

JASON TAYLOR: Thanks for coming into the sauna, a.k.a. media center. You just finished at 5-under, a nice birdie finish on your final hole of the day, No. 9, talk about the day.

KRISTY McPHERSON: It was a good day, a solid day. I started off missing the first three fairways left but I got out of trouble and made a couple of birdies out of that.

I started hitting the ball well. I hit a lot of fairways and gave myself a lot of opportunities and really felt like I'm putting the ball well. You feel like you are going to make the putts, you're going to make the field.

Q. You had to make sure Morgan was here?

KRISTY McPHERSON: Morgan posted she is playing with me and Vicky. The next tee time was 8:54. Someone please tell her I'm 8:43. I don't want to be running and 8:40 where is Morgan.

Q. You played pretty well, it's sounded like a group for you?

KRISTY McPHERSON: A very good group for me. First time I played with Vicky a super nice girl. Morgan and I played together a bit, really comfortable. I don't think she made a bogey, pushed each other and made a few birdies and very comfortable out there.

Q. Why have you been playing better lately? Do you feel like 67 is a nice round here? Was this coming, did you feel this coming?

KRISTY McPHERSON: Yes, I have been hitting the ball really well. You just looking for the confidence in the putting stroke. Even my bad rounds I've been able to keep them at a couple under. Today and this week, here on these greens, I feel like I see the ball really well on the greens and I feel like I got a great feel for the greens.

Q. When you played with Brittany at Kraft --

KRISTY McPHERSON: Everybody wants to talk about Kraft.

Q. She caught you and beat you with that shot. Being as close as you are with her, I guess if you had to lose to somebody, is that still one you are thinking about two months later?

KRISTY McPHERSON: Not until you bring it up every day.

Q. She beat you?

KRISTY McPHERSON: Absolutely, flat out got beat.

Q. Do you think about it, does it bother you?

KRISTY McPHERSON: No, it doesn't bother me one bit. Obviously who doesn't want to win a Major and the first of the year. I gave myself a one-shot lead going into tie final hole and didn't blow it. It's not like I 3-putted or made the mistake. She just hit an amazing golf shot. You can't do anything but say, great shot, action she is one of my best friends. I was just as happy for her as I could have been for myself.

Q. With that in mind, does it make you, I know your motivated to win, after having that happen, do you want to make amends as soon and you say can and get that win?

KRISTY McPHERSON: We are doing our best, buddy, we are working at it. It's just one of those, I know I'm close. I put myself in the final group tied for the lead going in State Farm. I had myself up there last week at McDonald's. I'm playing solid golf right now. I haven't done anything spectacular. Just enough to keep me out of the winner's circle and enough to give me opportunities. I just figure if I could keep putting myself up there, eventually it will happen.

Q. Where is the carryover for momentum, do you think about it or is it a general feeling that you have because you played well a couple of weeks ago at McDonald's, when you go out there today is that just a general feeling, or are there specific things you build on or you think about, hey, I've been playing well, it's coming, is it a conscious thing or more of a feeling?

KRISTY McPHERSON: I think it's more of a feeling. If you know you're playing well, and out here you're hitting the ball well, fairways are key out here. This rough will kill you. Not worrying about where not to hit it, and not worrying about what could happened, what could go wrong, I feel like I'm seeing everything better, getting up on the tee, I'm seeing my targets and not thinking about anything else. That's a lot of things, just getting out of your own way, and I feel like I've been doing that a lot better lately and just allowing myself to score.

Q. It was early in the weeks, are you starting to get some run now?

KRISTY McPHERSON: Yes, there was mud on the ball a few times today. It's still a little wet. Definitely different wind today than I played on the course the last three days. I think this is a little bit easier wind. We can't get to 8 now. I can't get to 8 now. Definitely a different wind, but it makes the golf course a lot more scorable.

Q. You said you are looking for the confidence in the putting stroke. Have you got the confidence this week? Is it different from last week?

KRISTY McPHERSON: It is. Last week I putted well. I made the short ones that I needed to make, a lot of pars there. But here I stood up on number 11 and made about a 15-footer. It's one of those feelings that you know you are going to make it. I have had that feeling more on these greens, than I have in the past few weeks, so that's always encouraging when you stand over it. The same kind of thing as ball striking, you're not worried about what not to do, you see your ball going in and it's a lot easier to put a good stroke on it.

Q. So you miss the fairway on the first three holes, and you hit the fairway, I'm assuming and then on in?

KRISTY McPHERSON: Yes, I think I missed one other fairway in the first cut, so it didn't get me into much trouble. I had a half swing missing it just left, not far, but a couple of steps off the fairway, but was able to birdie 10 and 11 from just the rough. It didn't give me into much trouble.

Q. So once you put that aside, it's putting it seems?

KRISTY McPHERSON: Yes. You got to give yourself a lot of opportunities, very small greens, tight fairways out here. You got to have good ball striking on this golf course, or you are not going to get yourself a lot of birdie opportunities. You can't put the ball striking aside, because I'm hitting the ball well and giving myself opportunities, but the putting has been a little better the last few days, and with the feel on the greens, I feel like I have a better rhythm going.

Q. And there is no changing the putter, is there?

KRISTY McPHERSON: No change. No change, maybe just a little change in the head.

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