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AN INTERVIEW WITH CANDIE KUNG

THE MODERATOR: Candie, thanks for coming in.

CANDIE KUNG: Thank you.

THE MODERATOR: It's a difficult golf course and you finished with back-to-back 69's.

Can you talk about your play today, what worked well for you out there today?

CANDIE KUNG: Yes, I was hitting the ball pretty consistent out there today, keep it in play, and hit a lot of greens. Yesterday I hit 18 greens and today I think I only missed a couple for today. That's probably the reason why I was able to keep it under par for the last two rounds.

THE MODERATOR: Questions?

Q. This is the second year of in a row you posted a high finish in this tournament, do you feel like some day you are going to put it all together and be the last one standing holding the trophy?

CANDIE KUNG: Yes. What is she at 10? I probably had a chance out there, but I made a few mistakes out there the last two, three days. Here I am sitting at 3-under-par,

and hopefully I will be able to finish second. But if I can put all three days all together, in the coming years, I might have a chance.

Q. When you think about that 10-under is that kind of amazing, is that a low score on this course?

CANDIE KUNG: Yes. You have to hit the ball really well, put it in play. Hit a lot of greens and, you know, the putt goes in 10-under par, I don't think it's that difficult the if you hit the ball straight.

Q. How does this course rank in difficulty?

CANDIE KUNG: One of the most difficult ones that we play all year.

Q. Can you tell us why?

CANDIE KUNG: The fairways are pretty narrow and it's playing pretty long. Is it longer than last year's course?

THE MODERATOR: A little bit longer.

CANDIE KUNG: Yes, it's playing pretty long. You have to hit it straight and long off the tee.

Q. (Inaudible)? 18 greens in regulation?

CANDIE KUNG: Yes. I am feeling very comfortable in my swing and my coach was out here earlier this week. I'm doing pretty good right now.

Q. How familiar are you; which is more difficult missing the fairway off the tee or missing it around the green? You didn't miss many?

CANDIE KUNG: Yes. Or fairways. I didn't get to play much on Bermuda. But to come out here and play, hit some chip shots, and hit some balls out of the rough during the practice round, actually I feel pretty comfortable with Bermuda grass.

Q. A lot of people say this week that with the fairways being tight, you're not getting much roll when you land it in the fairway and the Bermuda, you know, not being familiar with that. Is that much of a transition, you know, getting accustomed to that when we see a course for the first time?

CANDIE KUNG: I don't know why but for me I just feel very comfortable playing at a golf course like this. Narrow, tight with a lot of trees, long. Just for some reason I feel very comfortable out there.

Q. Do you feel that you have a better chance at an event like this where it demands that shot making?

CANDIE KUNG: Yes, yes, right. I feel like I have an advantage over a lot of people in the field because I'm hanging the ball long, and hitting it fairly straight, and it's not a putting course, which putting is probably the weakest part of my game, and I'm working on it and hopefully another course like last week would not be a problem for me in the future.

Q. You Cedar Ridge, what is your opinion of this facility?

CANDIE KUNG: It's awesome here. It's great. I like it.

Q. Annika has taken 5 weeks off, come out here and played like did she all week, did you all expect her to come here and play like that, it's amazing, isn't it?

CANDIE KUNG: Yes, you have to expect her to come out here and shoot low out here. She is so consistent. Her iron play. Everything is so consistent. Her short game is probably the best out here. When she takes whatever weeks off, and she can still come out here and play. It's harder probably because of the experience that she's got.

THE MODERATOR: Do you want to take us over your scorecard. Start with the bogey on four, do you remember what happened there?

CANDIE KUNG: Bogey on four. Oh, 4, I had like 145s to the pin and I had a 7-iron. I didn't hit that one good. I ended up in the bunker.

Q. Green-side bunker?

CANDIE KUNG: Yes, short left.

Q. How far was that par putt?

CANDIE KUNG: That par putt was about 12 feet.

Q. Birdie on eight?

CANDIE KUNG: Birdie on eight, I hit an 8-iron, I hit it about 140 yards. An 8-iron to about four feet.

Q. Birdie on 11?

CANDIE KUNG: Birdie on 11, I had 146 yards to the pin. I had a 9-iron downwind to about six feet passed the hole.

Q. Birdie on 12.

CANDIE KUNG: 12, I had about 145 to the pin, an 8-iron to about 18 feet from the hole.

Q. Birdie on 14?

CANDIE KUNG: 14 is the par-5. I had about 215 to the front, 226 to the pin. I hit a 3-wood just short of the green and chipped it up there to about five feet, six feet.

Q. Bogey on 16?

CANDIE KUNG: 16, I hit a 3-wood off the tee and I pulled it left. I was trying a punch shot out there but I had a tree on the left. I hit 75 yards to the pin, came out short, 2 putt.

Q. From how far?

CANDIE KUNG: Just off the green.

Q. What club did you try to hit the punch shot with?

CANDIE KUNG: An 8-iron about 145 yards.

Q. The third shot, what did you use?

CANDIE KUNG: I used a lob-wedge.

Q. This is the fourth year of this tournament here in Tulsa, it seems to be getting bigger and better each year, is that the pitch you are getting, the players are getting as well?

CANDIE KUNG: Yes. I heard a lot of good things about the treatment in Tulsa. We all like it in this area and hopefully we will be able to come back against next year. I don't know what goes on (Inaudible.) But we like it here a lot.

Q. There is some apprehension on a lot of people's part, some players coming to a new course, but some of that apprehension released on the player's part?

CANDIE KUNG: I like it when we change golf courses, the older players don't get an advantage over the younger players if we switched a golf course every three years or something like that. Everyone is, you know, playing the same golf course.

Q. How do you feel the two courses compared?

CANDIE KUNG: Last year and this one? They are both very difficult, yes.

Q. Both very fair though?

CANDIE KUNG: Yes, yes, you have to hit good shots.

THE MODERATOR: Thank you.