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AN INTERVIEW WITH LUCAS GLOVER

TODD BUDNICK: We welcome Lucas Glover to 2006 Bank of America comfortable. Lucas is having a great year so far, 6 Top-10's, just one shy of your career high last year already, and we're not even halfway through the year, coming off of T-7 in New Orleans a couple of weeks ago and a T-4 at Wachovia. Talk a little bit about how the season has been to date

LUCAS GLOVER: It's been good. Obviously, the goal is to play well each week, and I have been able to do that for the most part. My putting has been pretty consistent, that's been the key for the year so far. I've been playing pretty smart. All of those things have added up to success so far.

TODD BUDNICK: The Ryder Cup comes on your mind, you are currently 6th on the list, keep piling up Top-10's like you are and it will make itself.

LUCAS GLOVER: Sure. I said it before, take care of the first two goals of the year and the third one will take care of itself. That is play well each week and try to contend in the Majors. If I do that, then the Ryder Cup should take care of itself.

But, yes, it is on my mind a lot.

TODD BUDNICK: You just got finished with your Pro-Am round. We hear the course is in fantastic shape this year, talk a little about it.

LUCAS GLOVER: This is my third year here and by far the best shape I've seen it. The mild weather we've had, whatever it is, but it's perfect. The tees are absolutely perfect, the fairways are carpet, and the greens are a little softer than they have been in the past. I think that's from fear of the weather, but it's perfect.

TODD BUDNICK: Questions?

Q. How do you like this course and how have you come to know it here? Do you know more about when you play it?

LUCAS GLOVER: Sure. It's one of my favorites on TOUR. It's old school. You got to think a lot off the tees. It's not driver every hole, like a lot of courses we play now. It is one of my favorites.

The event itself is one of everybody's favorite, but the course makes it even better. But you have to play it a lot to learn it, that's for sure. Third year now, I learn something new every time I play for sure.

Q. Speaking of learning it, can you tell me a little bit about, particularly on 3 and 5, what you hit there and off the tee and into the greens there?

LUCAS GLOVER: Well, I've hit on 3, I've hit 3-wood and then my little hybrid club, similar to a 5-wood. Either one of those is very good. Tomorrow we'll have to figure it out.

5, in the past, I've hit everything from driver to 4-iron. I hit my 5-wood yesterday and I hit 3-iron today just to see where they go.

We have had a different wind the last two days so that's helped. It's premium on the fairway there. Those two holes, the key is the tee shot, not so much the second shot. But the challenge there is how far up do you want to try to hit it on 5, and how much of the corner do you want to cut on 3? So, you are either real aggressive, or real conservative, it just depends on how you are feeling.

For me, the first couple of days, it will be pretty conservative trying to set up the second shot. That's a par hole. You hit a great iron shot for your second, you make a birdie, play those 4 in 32, everybody will be happy, those four holes.

Q. (Inaudible)?

LUCAS GLOVER: For me, no. The creek not being there on the right. It runs out on the left pretty quick. And you don't want to have the tree to contend with, fairway left, creek to right. It an unbelievable hole. One of the best holes we play all year.

Today I hit 3-iron, 3-iron and I wasn't unhappy. I had to get up and down for par. That will be the case there a lot. 3, hit it to just to the fairway, that's a pretty popular area. I hit it on a pretty good line, and it bounces through. You can't be too upset because the fairway is diagonal. If you are the guy that plays those holes even for the week, you'll be happy. Then throw 4 in there too, and you got a real tough loop there.

Q. Lucas, one of your goals is contending in the Majors this year. Every guy out here obviously wants to contend those times of year. And I'm just curious what the challenges are in terms of trying to get your game to pique at certain times. There is obviously no one formula, or everybody would do it, but just the process.

LUCAS GLOVER: I don't know that yet. The Open coming up will be my fourth Major in my career, and I haven't made a cut yet. So I got to figure it out. For me, I've always played better playing up to an event. So I'm going to play the two weeks prior and try to focus on that. I might have a cheat round and go up to Winged Foot the week before Memorial.

For me, I just got to figure that out. I got a good opportunity with a week off next week to get ready for those three. Obviously, you got to hit it straight, so I will work on my driver and you really got to putt. So I'll be working on those two things the most the next couple of weeks.

Q. Lucas, can you talk a little bit about what do you feel the state of shot making is in today's game and how big a factor is that going to be? Obviously, this week, but particularly at Winged Foot?

LUCAS GLOVER: Yes, off the tee it's going to be a lot of drivers, and it's just got to be straight. You don't want to be curving them too much. I did play over there the last year the week of Barclays. You got to fit it in some of those greens. The whole facility there, those 36 holes, is probably the best green complex in the world, as far as toughness, and what they can do with the hole locations and just the way they look. So, you will have to make some shots around there to get to some of the hole locations.

But as we know, a nice straight iron shot in the middle of the green has never hurt anybody.

If you want to make birdies, you have to fit it into some of those little corners.

Q. You said you kind of considered the Ryder Cup maybe the biggest sporting event to you?

LUCAS GLOVER: Sure.

Q. For your taste and all of that. A, I was wondering if you can talk a little bit about that. B, just how you sort of use that as incentive versus something that you are putting too much pressure on yourself. A lot of guys have that problem.

LUCAS GLOVER: Sure. I think the Ryder Cup, when you sit on the cup, is the most passionate event in sports, because of, No. 1, the history. And No. 2, the feeling guys have for their country or there area. I guess Europe now.

The game comes out of everybody. The passion comes out. It's just a spectacle for me to watch it, an I've always enjoyed it. That's one of the few golf tournaments I will sit out to watch when I am at home.

As far as the incentive goes, to be in the position I am now, it's a lofty goal, but it's in reach. If I play well, I can make that team. And that's as much incentive as anything to get to work each day and make sure I'm comfortable on each shot and everything.

But, you know, it's in reach. That was one of the main goals of the year, the intensity to play well each week.

So far, fortunately this year, for the most part, when I do that, it's comforting when you get those points. It makes you feel good. You can't win every week, but if you got something else that makes you want to play, that's pretty important.

Q. (Inaudible)?

LUCAS GLOVER: Yes, that's not a good feel. I had that at Hilton Head this year, but oh well.

Q. Consistency is really tough to get out here on TOUR, I'm wondering how you managed to do it pretty quickly. Is there anything that you latched on to when you came out, or swing changes, or anything that helped you?

LUCAS GLOVER: After my first year, I think I missed half my cuts. I knew I had to improve my short game and especially my putting. Last year it was better. This year it's been even better than last. I think that's one of the biggest things consistency-wise for me. A good putt will make up for a lot of bad stuff on a hole. A bunch of good putts will make up for a bad ball striking round. That's been the key for me. It hasn't been great, but it hasn't been bad. The great weeks, when you putt great, you usually win. That's usually the case on TOUR. The Top-5 in putting each week is the winner, if I had to guess.

But I don't feel like I'm hitting it any different than I did my rookie year, even last year. The short game has been a little bit better. There is room for improvement there, but the putting has been better.

Q. Is your putting improvement mostly a function of better mental approach, is your stroke better? What do you feel?

LUCAS GLOVER: I just feel comfortable and my stroke has improved. But it gets a little wavy sometimes, and that's when your confidence comes in and that's when your mental approach

comes in. The bottom line is, you are just trying to roll the ball on the line you pick out. Sometimes the stroke might not be right, but you can work your way into doing it mentally.

It's a tough deal to figure out what's what? I think if your mental approach is good, and your fundamentals is okay, you can still putt great.

Q. (Inaudible)?

LUCAS GLOVER: I've been seeing them go in. That's the key. If they're not going in, you can't watch them go on, then your confidence can't be any good. But fortunately they have been going in lately so the confidence is up.

And then the other part of that is when they're not going in you got to find a way to stay as positive as can you and that's the hard part.

Q. Last week Tom Lehman went on and on about what an outstanding young man you are. You do kind of come across as being mature. I wonder if you're the type that was told growing up that you acted older than your age. If so, where does that come from?

LUCAS GLOVER: You wouldn't find too many people that would have said that.

(Laughter). I think that comes from my grandfather told me to be humble. If you don't have anything to say nice, just shut up. That's how he is.

But, you know, I've made up my mind that I was always going to give respect to the guys that kind of paved the way for the young guys; that is Tom, Joe Durant, Jay Haas, Davis, and those guys, and those guys have been great to me and are close friends. That might be as much as anything. Those guys deserve as much respect as anybody because they made the TOUR when it is. That's flattering that Tom said that and I appreciate it. But that's probably it.

TODD BUDNICK: Anything further for Lucas? Thanks for your time. Good luck this weekend.

LUCAS GLOVER: Thanks everybody.
