

Chick-fil-A Charity Championship hosted by Nancy Lopez
Eagle's Landing Country Club
Stockbridge, Ga.
May 13, 2005
Second-round interviews

AN INTERVIEW WITH LORIE KANE

Lorie Kane, 68-70=138 (-6)

Scorecard: Hole 1, 400-yard par 4: birdie – 8-iron to six feet

Hole 2, 495-yard par 5: birdie – chipped in from fringe (50 feet) with sand wedge

Hole 6, 478-yard par 5: birdie – 3-wood to 30 feet, made five-foot birdie putt

Hole 8, 163-yard par 3: bogey – 6-iron right to 20 feet, three-putt, missed 10-foot par putt

Hole 12, 362-yard par 4: bogey – poor drive, second shot short, chip to 15 feet, two-putt

Hole 17, 409-yard par 4: birdie – 6-iron to 15 feet

Q. It seems like the course may be playing tougher today?

LORIE KANE: You know, obviously I played early and I started on the front side today but that back nine is a little bit different with the wind because it's bouncing around those trees. The greens are very firm and they are rolling great, but they are firm and the fairways are firm. A lot different than what we are used to here at Chick-fil-A.

Yes, probably playing a little tougher today based solely on the wind.

Q. Does that mean your margin of error is reduced when it is playing hard?

LORIE KANE: Right. And where we may have been able to be saved before, that's not quite the case this year. But it is fun and it's nice to see the golf course play a little bit different. I'm a true fan of firm and fast because it requires to you control the ball.

Q. As opposed to soggy and wondering when you are going to play?

LORIE KANE: Right. And this golf tournament, they deserve all of this warm weather for sure.

Q. It is an interesting leaderboard with new stars and old stars at the top of it.

LORIE KANE: Well, I think that's just where the tour is right now, and I think that's great for women's golf. It speaks volumes for the tour. This is a top-notch field this week, and you are going to have a mix of a lot of different players because the youth is very strong, and they're confident in their abilities. You got Annika, and what she does is quite awesome, and then you got the rest of us who are working hard and playing some really good golf. So it doesn't surprise me at all.

Q. Hard to get noticed out here?

LORIE KANE: It is hard to be noticed. (laughter)

Q. You had a near miss here a few years ago, does that linger at all?

LORIE KANE: It makes me comfortable in that I know that I can play this golf course. I know I have had success here and I believe before too long it will be my turn to win this one. And I'm going to do everything I can to make it this week.

Q. Length has been an ally of yours. Do you find yourself hitting shorter clubs in?

LORIE KANE: You know, overall maybe. But again, you have to -- they've moved some tees back. The wind, I didn't really notice a whole lot. Maybe the par-5s, the ball is running out just that much more, so maybe one last to the par-5s.

Q. When Annika is in the tournament, do you pay attention to what she is doing at all or do you not worry about her?

LORIE KANE: What I'm trying to do right now is play the best golf I can play. And if I take care of my own business, then things will be good. If she is in the field, I assume Annika will be somewhere near the top of the board. That's just a given. So I haven't really been watching the scoreboard, and I probably won't. Because really, you know, I've done it both ways. I have watched the board because I like to know what I need to do. But I just try to take care of myself and hit solid shots and give myself 18 looks at it.

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