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AN INTERVIEW WITH LORENA OCHOA

PAM WARNER: Lorena, thank you so much for coming and joining us again today. A great bogey-free round of 5-under today to take a one-shot lead. Just talk about your day and where you have put yourself going into the weekend.

LORENA OCHOA: Hello, everybody. It was for sure just a nice round. It was easy. One of those days, hitting the ball good from the tee, I gave myself a lot of birdie chances. Actually, I feel like I left some shots out there, but I'm very happy. You know, it was important today to play good, have a solid round to make sure I was, if not in the lead, still between one and two shots, and I ended up finishing 9-under, and I guess I am leading by one. So it's where I like to be. I can't wait to be here tomorrow.

PAM WARNER: Questions for Lorena?

Q. I'm just wondering on the 18th tee box, after yesterday's unfortunate drive, what's going through your head? You obviously hit it really well, how do you block yesterday out?

LORENA OCHOA: Well, you know, yesterday I missed four or five shots to the right. And today was a very different story. I build a lot of confidence with my driver. I was feeling very good all day. I kept hitting solid driver with a nice trajectory right-to-left, strong drivers.

We were talking about maybe hitting a 5-wood on the tee on 18, but I said let's get the driver. So now I get a good feeling and put the ball in the middle of the fairway. It was easy. It didn't even come to mind what happened yesterday, just swing nice and ended up in the middle of the fairway.

Q. Did you tweak something mechanically?

LORENA OCHOA: I don't do this very often. Yesterday in the afternoon I was on the range, I called Rafael, my coach, and it looks like I had the ball just a little bit forward. So I just moved the ball a little bit back. Nothing, maybe one inch. It's better with a driver. I was on my back swing, I was inside. So I just, you know, make sure I started the back swing just in front with the arms in front. I have more room in between the irons and my body and it helped. I hit some good balls in the afternoon at practice and it really changed it.

Q. Lorena, was that something that he saw or something that you thought was happening and you asked him about it, having the ball a little too forward?

LORENA OCHOA: No. Well, we talk about it. What are the options? That's a confusing question. It's something that we were working on for the last five or six weeks. He was here Monday, Tuesday

and Wednesday, and I moved the ball a little bit. Maybe not only me, but when he says something I try to do maybe twice as much just to make sure I do it right. It was just too far forward. Dave (Brooker), my caddy, helped me to get it in position, helped a lot.

Q. 4-under on the par-5s, do you have to do that every day?

LORENA OCHOA: I think that's the key in this golf course. I was very happy to do that. I am able to reach two for sure. Maybe three of them on two. That makes a big difference. It gives eagle chances. I putted twice for eagle. It's important to do that. I'm going to try to do the same with my tee shot and give myself a chance.

Q. This isn't the newest subject, but you are 25 years old but have a lot of players in the field a lot younger than you, a couple right behind you right now. Do you even feel like a young player these days?

LORENA OCHOA: I do. I'm not? It's kind of funny. Yes. I will be young in spirit for many, many more years.

Q. What does that say about golf right now, all of these youngsters coming up, obviously you made strides in the last few years, where do you think these guys are going to be as they start to develop their talent?

LORENA OCHOA: How are they going to be in the next few years?

Q. Yes.

LORENA OCHOA: Well, I think from what they are showing right now, they are great players, very talented. And I think what Morgan Pressel and Paula Creamer did just turning pro when they were 18 really changed the mind of many different golfers. I don't necessarily think it's the best way to do it. I recommend myself going to college. It's the best experience. You know, they did it themselves, and they are very good. But it's kind of sad that other players turn professional, and they don't do as well, and they leave the college opportunity out. So I think 16, 17, hopefully they are thinking of going to college and just being there for sure.

Q. How is your thumb?

LORENA OCHOA: It's good. I don't know the word in English, I cut it with a knife. So it's very small. It kind of opens. I put tape on it, nothing major.

PAM WARNER: Can we go over your birdies today?

LORENA OCHOA: I made birdie on the third hole. I hit 3-wood, 225 yards, maybe 30 feet for eagle, and 2 putted for birdie.

No. 7, I hit the green on two with a 3-wood, 230, again. And that was close, maybe ten feet for eagle. I 2-putted again.

No. 12, I was just short of the green on the left side and then I putted from the outside. It was a long putt maybe 45, 50 feet. I leave it short and then I made that for birdie.

On 14, with 50-degree wedge 105 yards. I putt about five or six feet and I made that.

15, it was par-5, playing for a three-shot hole. I hit again a 50-degree wedge, 95 yards pin-high, left maybe ten feet and I made that for birdie.

PAM WARNER: Any other questions for Lorena?

Q. Is 15 always a 3-shot par-5 out here? Or are there times when you can hit that in two?

LORENA OCHOA: Well last year I think the wind was in a different direction. I remember a little more over, with the driver, down there 215 to the front of the green. So only in that case we try to reach the green in two. So it has to be opposite wind to be able to do it.

PAM WARNER: Any other questions? Thanks, Lorena.

LORENA OCHOA: Thank you.
