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AN INTERVIEW WITH HILARY LUNKE

THE MODERATOR: Hilary, a good opening round.

HILARY LUNKE: Yes, I was a very happy. I didn't expect it. I haven't been hitting the ball that great. I feel really great on the range today. (Inaudible) That last one that went in, so I shot 67. I shot 6-under but I haven't shot 66.

(Scorecard.)

THE MODERATOR: Questions?

Q. (Inaudible)?

HILARY LUNKE: I know my game is better than it was last year. But my scores aren't real -- it's been really frustrating for me. I've gotten a little bit longer and more solid. You know, I haven't had that many great putting weeks. I know I'm rolling the ball well. This is a rebuilding year for myself to try to regain composure for everything that went on last year. I'm going to have a few great rounds like this that maybe I didn't have before. But I'm still going to have a few pickups along the way too.

Q. (Inaudible)?

HILARY LUNKE: Yes, it is. It's always been the best part of my game. I struggled with putting before but never longer than two tournaments. I always get back on track. It's not really something that I can pin down (inaudible). Mentally I have been used to seeing the ball missed and I just kind of psyche myself out. But I got a few rounds where I felt comfortable over it and have putted as well as I did today. I kind of got to see what shows up each day so I can feel comfortable over it.

MODERATOR: (Inaudible).

HILARY LUNKE: A combination of all of those actually really. I just switched to a new driver and gained a couple of yards, three to five yards.

(No audio.)

HILARY LUNKE: It's definitely like I said, get back to normal. I feel like I have a lot more time. I feel like I can spend that extra time on the putting green. Working out, I feel like I have so much more time in my day.

Q. (Inaudible)?

HILARY LUNKE: Yes, I haven't really compared my stats from last year but I got to think I'm hitting more greens than regulation. I feel I'm putting the ball a lot more. I haven't had to rely as much on my chipping as I have in the past. I have been putting well this year.

But, yes, I have been able to put in time on the range, working on my swing. I'm just not seeing it consistently. It's still not natural for me. I haven't been able to kind of groove that swing enough.

Q. (Inaudible)?

HILARY LUNKE: Yes, I think if I can hit the ball solidly, 85, 90 percent of the time, like most of the pros do out here, I think I would be fine. I probably would still be in the lower third of the hitters but I wouldn't be third from the absolute bottom like I was in the past. It's definitely one of the biggest things that I had for my game. I think even more important than the distance, just like I said, hitting the ball solid, knowing how I'm going to fly it every time. It's a blessing sometimes when my misses come up short, but it's straight. But if I'm not playing a course where I can bounce it up on the green, it can get me in trouble. So more than anything I'm concentrating on making my swing consistent so I can hit it solidly consistently.

THE MODERATOR: Thanks.