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(An interview by tape.)

AN INTERVIEW WITH MARISA BAENA

PAM WARNER: Marisa, thanks for coming in and joining us today, 6-under for the day, currently in third place.

Do you want to talk about your round first?

MARISA BAENA: I think it's probably one of the best round of golfs I have ever played. The golf course was brutal today. It was playing long, wet and a lot of wind.

So I made pretty much everything that I looked at today. So it was very exciting.

I have had a lot of family and friends that they came up to watch me play. I really wanted to play good for them, and it happened, so that was very exciting.

PAM WARNER: We'll take some questions.

Q. I think I know why --

MARISA BAENA: The wind, sometimes I had 160 to the flag, for example, the par-3 No. 4, for instance (inaudible) 180. So you are talking about 20 yards wind today. So you know, today, I made three birdies with my 4-iron. We're hitting 4-irons and rescue. You know, like No. 7, 177 into the green, to an island green, I think that's why it was playing so difficult.

You know the greens are softer, so that helped a little bit. But it's very difficult to judge in the wind. It was really dusty. I thought for me, at least, personally it played long today.

Q. The swing you worked on (inaudible), does that give you more confidence in a day like this? Do you take the left side of the golf course out of play?

MARISA BAENA: Absolutely. Today I was very focused to one specific thing and that was on working and releasing. That is one of the things. I was releasing the club sooner than I normally do. Sometimes I think I'm going to hit a wedge and actually don't. I was concentrating more on that more than anything else. I wasn't really caring that much about the wind. I picked my target and go for it.

I think when you feel comfortable that you are working your swing in a day like today, it's easier because when you hit that shot, you know exactly what you are going to do in the next shot, even if you hit it bad.

It's not like, oh my God, what am I going to do here? I think that's when you lose it in the wind. I was really concentrating. This is what I learned to do today no matter what. I stuck to it. I played beautiful on the back 9. I didn't miss any greens. I hit 9 greens on the back 9, so with that kind of weather, I was very happy, very pleased.

Q. When you put your tee in the ground to start today, did you think there would be any chance you would have to win the tournament?

MARISA BAENA: None, not today. My husband told me, everybody is very close, so if you have a good round, you have a good chance. My caddy yesterday told me to be patient, we are not that far off, with a good round. It's actually funny, because he actually said I would like to be 1-under par tomorrow. And yesterday on No. 13, I said like, yeah, right. I thought he was crazy. You know what, I loved doing it, wherever he wanted me to be. At that moment I was so frustrated. I think sometimes where you have people positive around you, and they are reminding you that you have (inaudible), don't forget you are good. You are the best that you are. I think that's great. You keep thinking, yeah, I might do this. I might do that.

Today I really tried not to think about what I was doing and then I realized on No. 16, I'm like, oh, okay, what happened here? I wasn't really paying attention. That was great that I didn't. Sometimes I manage to get a little bit nervous when I look at it. And then you know I made birdies on 17 and 18. So that gives you more confidence because those are the toughest holes on the golf course.

Q. In a larger sense, when you look back to where you started off, Monday qualifying, to be here now, can you describe the journey?

MARISA BAENA: I mean if you ask me if this is a dream come true, it's kind of like at the beginning of the day do you think you can be up here. I wouldn't tell you no. I mean I want to be Top-90. I want to (inaudible) my card. If you were to ask me next year I would be in Top-30, yes, definitely. In two years I could see myself doing it. You know I got there, and I played some events and I realized that I improved more than I thought I had. I was very surprised when I came out. And I'm like, okay, what happened? I mean I went from shooting, not making cut at the end of that season, and I came back just before Monday qualifier shot a 65, 66, and I'm like, I didn't break 72, not even 70. That was a shock for me as well this year. And I said, hey, this is good stuff, I can do this.

At the beginning of the year I would not have thought Top-30. But if you would have asked me in June can you be in the Top-30? I would tell you absolutely. I think it takes years and all of us changing goals. And once you achieve one goal, you move to the next goal.

So I think it's very important to know, my goal at the end of the year was Top-30. But you need to be realistic at the same time and say, what do I need to get to the Top-30? And I think that's what I managed to do and my first goal was to do the Monday qualifying. It was exciting. I finally won my first tournament, and I am looking forward. I really feel I can win more. I'm confident and my game looks good.

Q. You said at the Match Play you were surprised that it had all come together as quickly as it did, is your mindset entirely different now.

Are you playing at a different confidence level.

MARISA BAENA: Yes, absolutely. I think that win absolutely gave me the confidence. I had been playing good. I had a few Top-10's in LA, and then I kind of finished very badly in my last tournament. So I really did see an improvement. That is lot of consistency. My misses are awesome. That is one of the

things that I'm excited. I miss the green, I'm still on the green. But I think that's what I'm looking forward to next year. I think it's key. It's not fully to the back. I think it's (inaudible) who missed at the back at this game. And I can really tell them. They may not be real long but I'm in the middle of the fairway and I think that's all I care right now.

Q. Did it help you today having family and members from Columbia present?

MARISA BAENA: Absolutely. I love it when my husband Juan comes and watches me. He gives me a lot of positive energy. All of my friends, a lot of them have never watched me play. So it was very exciting to have them out there. I just feel good playing for the people that I know.

Q. Your husband's name again?

MARISA BAENA: Juan. J U A N.

Q. Do you feed off that kind of energy?

MARISA BAENA: Absolutely, yes, absolutely. I think we all do. Not just me, I think all of us, that's what we do. We don't like to play if we don't like to play in front of a crowd. I don't think we should be out there. We play for it. We love it. We feed out of it.

One of the proofs was at Solheim this year. I think when you have people, you are saying I'm feeling good. I can do it. So it's very important to have people around you.

Q. Yesterday, the best rounds were turned in by Juli Inkster and Cristie Kerr, they both went off early in the morning. Do you think that benefited you at all today?

MARISA BAENA: It's hard to tell because there is only 2 hours difference between the tee time. It's not like you are talking about a normal round where you are playing 8 in the morning and one. You are only two hours apart. So I don't think it really makes a difference because the wind is blowing. It's hard to know what they got, 16, 17 and 18. But I don't think it makes very much difference.

Q. Has the course, has it been playing the same all week, or just different every day this week?

MARISA BAENA: I think the wind switched from the first day. Yesterday and today they played a little bit similar. But it was very wet today. So it played longer today.

Q. If you would have been going into this round tied for 20th, four or five shots behind the seventh or eighth place first, and only 8 players would go to the final round of this tournament?

MARISA BAENA: I like that. You know what? I think the best thing, we all play very hard every year. In all our life, we work so hard and just to give us a chance, is pretty much for anyone to come out here and win a million dollars. That's awesome. That is a life changing experience, anyone who is playing good. Maybe for Annika it will not. But for a lot of us, I'm telling you, winning a million dollars means a lot. I think it's great. I think it's great that they came out with the idea. You know, you are playing 18 holes. When I played the match hole that's what I played. And 18 holes, every single player is at the same level because we are so good. When you are talking about four rounds, that's a completely different story. But 18, anyone can just go out there and shoot a beautiful round.

So I think with this set up of the golf course, 17, 16, 18, knowing that a million dollars is on the line, those holes are going to be something.

Q. Can I ask my question now? That's a great answer. I would imagine that some players, if they were in your spot, or maybe 6-over going into the day, they are not that all uptight about playing. And if it's

a good round, that their expectations are not very high. How do you think that will change next year knowing that it's do or die to get to that eighth spot?

MARISA BAENA: Absolutely. I think I'm not going to mention who said this to me but she said, oh, you know, it's the last tournament of the year. I'm kind of tired. I'm just enjoying myself. Who cares? I'm tired, I want to go home.

Well, next year she is not going to be thinking that. She is going to be thinking, I want that million dollars. So I think that's going to be the difference. A lot of us are very tired to be at these tournaments, and I think next year we are going to look at it a very different way. And I think that's the answer right there.

Q. That was Annika that said that?

MARISA BAENA: (Inaudible)?

Q. Are you ready for the pressure? If you have a putt, or a shot on the last couple of holes for \$900,000 difference, or a 2-foot putt on the last hole for \$900,000, it's going to seem like a mile and a half?

MARISA BAENA: I agree with you. We'll see how it works out next year. I don't know about that. It's going to be very interesting. I hope I'm that person that has to make the 2 foot for the one million dollars. I can tell you that.

(Scorecard.)

Q. This has been a stereotype for years, they call it the LPGA bouquet because of the head covers, the 11-wood and 9-wood, and what not, how much do you think that the hybrid, or the utility club has worked its way in and gotten out a lot of the 9-woods and 7-woods, or has it? I just seem to be hearing a lot of rescue this week.

MARISA BAENA: Yes, I think it replaced the 7-wood. I don't have a 7-wood no longer. I have my 3 rescue. The reason why, with a 7-wood you hit it high. With a wind it's impossible to control the wood for us. The shorter (inaudible) here seems to like the wood better. But the one that gives you a little more club fade, the speed, those woods are very difficult to control. The rescue is easier to play, I think, with the wind. It's easier to hit than a 2-iron or 3-iron. So I think very few players, they still have 3-irons in their bag. Most of us have the 4 rescue.

Q. Are you going to make sure your friends and family are here tomorrow?

MARISA BAENA: Absolutely. They are my good luck charm. Thank you very much.

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