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AN INTERVIEW WITH MORGAN PRESSEL

Q. Talk about the emotion and having it over with, first of all.

MORGAN PRESSEL: I'm really relieved, that's for sure. I really gave myself a heart attack out there today, and I didn't put myself in a great position and I had to tough it out, and I certainly did that.

Q. What does it say about you to come in and make that putt?

MORGAN PRESSEL: Well, I think that I can attribute it to knowing the golf course. I knew that was going to break back to the right, and it kind of looked like it was going to the left, but I knew I had it basically almost the whole way. So I came through in a crunch like that, and maybe I can have a good round tomorrow and [everybody](#) starts from scratch the next day.

Q. What was your yardage coming in and what did you hit?

MORGAN PRESSEL: My yardage was 151 to the pin, and I had a 7-iron.

Q. And did you hit it the way you wanted?

MORGAN PRESSEL: I left it out a little bit to the right, but I can say now that's how I wanted to hit it.

Q. How is it when you have a dramatic playoff and you have to come back tomorrow instead of working to make the cut?

MORGAN PRESSEL: It's strange because you think that you just won the tournament with the reaction that I got on 18, but it's just another day, and so now everybody can come back tomorrow and watch.

Q. Was there a conversation between the five of you on 18th and beforehand with the threesome at 17? Was there any conversation

during the playoff between the players?

MORGAN PRESSEL: There was a little bit. We were just chitchatting. Nothing special. Talking about the tournament, off season, things like that.

Q. How do you deal with tension as if it was a final day?

MORGAN PRESSEL: There is a lot of pressure. Everybody wants to continue to play. So I felt the pressure, and I'm sure everybody else did.

Q. It wasn't just the crowd with the emotion. You punched the air twice, too. Typically you wouldn't do that just to make a putt.

MORGAN PRESSEL: I mean, it's more than just making the cut. It's staying alive. This is a field the players that are the Top 16 in one season, Top 8 tomorrow. So, you know, it shows that I played fairly decently.

Q. (Inaudible)?

MORGAN PRESSEL: That's what I heard.

Q. This is where the strategy and the difference of thinking starts to come into play tomorrow. How would you go about it? It's going to be more difficult than just reading a normal day.

MORGAN PRESSEL: You don't know where that 8th spot is going to fluctuate to, and I'm going to obviously have to watch the scoreboard, and anybody who wants to be in the Top 8, they are not going to lay up on a Par 5 if they think they can make it in a birdie. So I'll watch the scoreboard. I've got to be aggressive, but I still have to hit the ball in the hole.

Q. First time around on 18, did you know the situation when you had to get it up and down (inaudible)?

MORGAN PRESSEL: Yes, I did. I knew. I knew about the situation on about 14, and obviously I was pretty sure that I would have needed that putt on 14, which it turns out I didn't, but I did, in order to avoid this playoff, and then 15 I was getting a little desperate, and 16, 17, and 18 are tough holes.

Q. Morgan, how happy are you in your putting yesterday? Your speed was a little off base, and with that nice putt, that was going pretty good turnaround.

MORGAN PRESSEL: Today I putted much better. I worked a lot yesterday on some downhill putts because that was what was giving me trouble and that's what seems I had all day long for two days straight, I've only had downhill putts, and I was in the last one on 18, but I putted much better and my speed control was much better and I made some.

Q. How were the conditions today? It was pretty brutal here yesterday.

MORGAN PRESSEL: It was brutal yesterday. I was actually surprised the wind was so calm today. It was still a factor and you have to pay attention to it, but I thought it was going to be blowing stronger when the front came through. It was actually stronger earlier this morning when we were warming up.

Q. Have you ever been involved in a playoff before? I don't mean like this, but for a championship or anything like this?

MORGAN PRESSEL: Yes, I have.

Q. So you are used to these kind of conditions? What kind of an adjustment though is it when there is five, because it looked very confusing, who was going to be eliminated. Did you say in your mind, I have to birdie each one, or do you say to yourself --

MORGAN PRESSEL: You say to yourself you want to stay in. Like that putt I had on 17, I wasn't trying to make everything, but it was a long putt, and I said, you know, just I want to make it, but I don't want to blow it because I knew a bogey, I would be out of it.

Q. Do you like these kind of rules or do you prefer the normal format well?

MORGAN PRESSEL: Well, it's different, and it seems to be getting a lot of attention. I think we will see at the end of the week how it turns out. It's really hard to say now.

Q. Do you have a little more empathy what your Uncle Aaron went through because it's round by round?

MORGAN PRESSEL: Well, it is tougher in that sense. It's like match play. It's the same idea with tennis, and just every round is a different story.

Q. Morgan, do you like your draw on the first play? Do you like playing or doesn't it matter?

MORGAN PRESSEL: I don't think it mattered. Yeah, I liked it.

Q. Under normal circumstances, are you much of a scoreboard watcher?

MORGAN PRESSEL: Yes, I pay attention to those things, I think. I think it's important to know, but not to pay too much attention to. I think you need to know where everybody stands, but not seriously let it influence major decisions.

Q. What were you seeing first in the playoff?

MORGAN PRESSEL: Well, I didn't have the best shots the first time around, and I didn't hit the best shot the second time around, but I hit a couple of good ones on the range. I hit some 6-irons off the tee, and I didn't execute it properly, but I had no problem with it. I played the hole before.

Q. (Inaudible)?

A. No, I was a little nervous, not too bad, but I felt that I could execute the shot.

Q. Were you nervous -- when you said that you were getting a little desperate and nervous, what did you get -- what was the lowest?

MORGAN PRESSEL: What do you mean?

Q. On the regulation, how much of it did --

MORGAN PRESSEL: I wasn't under. I was over. I was 2-over par. So I was 3-under on the front nine. On the back nine I was 2-over.

Q. Did you get angry when it was getting away because of the --

MORGAN PRESSEL: I was a little angry. I wasn't really happy, but I tried not to let it affect me, and I can't promise you that I did that well, but I've learned.

Q. Are you allowing yourself at all to daydream about what you might do with a million bucks, or too early for that?

MORGAN PRESSEL: That's too early. That's what you do when they first announce the tournament. You go, where can I spend that? Now it's about winning the tournament.

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