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AN INTERVIEW WITH MICHELLE WIE

(Interview by tape.)

Q. Michelle, it wasn't exactly the kind of week that you would like, but can you talk about the week that it was for you?

MICHELLE WIE: Well, I felt like I was very close to, very close to playing really well this week. I mean it's just a matter -- this is so thin from playing the best and playing like this.

You know, I didn't feel comfortable with my tee shots. But, you know, now I definitely know else to work on. My irons felt good and my putting felt good and, you know, I just feel like it's getting better and better. Sometimes you have to take a step back to get better.

Q. Seems like the first three days it was your driver?

MICHELLE WIE: Yes, I think so. I came out and hit it right. I hit a lot of 3-woods today which saved me a lot of strokes today back in the fairway. And I just felt like it's getting better and better.

Q. Michelle, the last three times you haven't actually played up to your standards, is it the tee shots? Is there any explanation why?

MICHELLE WIE: Yes, I mean, I'm working on a lot of things. The last couple of weeks I was a little uncomfortable with my tee shots. But I know what to work on. I feel like it's just getting better and better because my putting is better. I feel like since playing in the 84 Lumber, it feels like my putting is like day and night. I mean, it's a lot better.

My iron shots is a lot better. But sometimes it feels like you have to take a step back in order to move forward.

Q. What are you working on?

MICHELLE WIE: Well, working on tempo and a lot of combinational things. Obviously, when you wake up in the morning everything feels different than it did the day before, but I'm working on it.

Q. And when is school and what is your first class, what is your work load?

MICHELLE WIE: Well, school hopefully is closed right now. My mom and Linda were talking about it, and I was like, is something wrong? Yes, there was an earthquake in Hawaii. There is earthquakes in Hawaii. You know, I've never been in an earthquake before, and I'm really scared, I've never been in an earthquake before and I'm really scared that the earthquake will turn into a tsunami. It's really bothering.

Q. When does school start for you, when is the first day?

MICHELLE WIE: Tuesday.

Q. What's your first class?

MICHELLE WIE: Probably economics.

Q. What's the rest of the day?

MICHELLE WIE: Acronomics, calculus and European history all in a row. Whopty-doo, and then I'm done.

Q. How much are you looking forward to class? Is it on your mind immediately, or do you not think about it for a few weeks?

MICHELLE WIE: Oh, sure, I am so excited for it. I'm so excited to go to Japan. I love the whole culture there. I was so close last year, and I can do really good. But right now I'm really excited for the Halloween dance.

Q. You played with Juli Inkster today?

MICHELLE WIE: Yes.

Q. What do you take away, what kind of learning experience was that from you?

MICHELLE WIE: She is awesome. She just grinds it out there. The ball somehow finds the hole and everything. You know, looking at my game and Juli's game today, there is very little difference. Some of her putts went in and some of mine didn't, but I think that's what golf is. Sometimes you can shoot really low. Sometimes you can shoot absolutely good. It's a really small difference. I feel like I'm getting better and better

Q. Did you find a tall enough date for the Halloween dance?

MICHELLE WIE: Actually, it's not like a date. Me and my friends are going to dress up together and it's going to be fun.

Q. What are you going to be?

MICHELLE WIE: It's a surprise. And you're not invited.

(Laughter.)

Q. Any hints?

MICHELLE WIE: We're not going to be in uniform.

Q. Will you wear a costume?

MICHELLE WIE: I'm not that type to.

Q. Your confidence, real quick, I'm sure when you hit Nabisco and McDonald's, and Kennebroke, and scoring this way, what is it like now coming off three weeks that weren't that great?

MICHELLE WIE: Well, you know, obviously, I'm not feeling as wonderful as I did. I was in contention every single week. Like I said before, sometimes we have to take a step back in order to move forward. I feel like this is the time of year you don't play that great, your best, and all of a sudden you play good. And I feel that's coming in me. It's really close. I mean, I feel my driver and my putter and my short game and everything, I'm working on it really harder and it feels really close.

Q. If you had to pick one or two moments that stuck out in your mind, the first year as a professional, what would those be?

MICHELLE WIE: Well, you know, obviously, I think that just -- let me see.

Q. Any event or any moment that you had?

MICHELLE WIE: Yes, definitely, playing in all of the Majors, being dragged off at the John Deere. Those are really shocking moments and those are moments that I learned the most from.

Q. If there is anything this past year you could change, what would it be?

MICHELLE WIE: No, I think that I probably would have tried to hydrate myself more, stay out of the sun.

PAUL ROVNAK: Thank you.
