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Third-round leader quotes

AN INTERVIEW WITH MARC TURNESA

THE MODERATOR: Okay. We would like to welcome the leader of the Viking Classic after the third round Marc Turnesa into the Media Center, 6-under par 66 today, if we could just get some comments on your day.

MARC TURNESA: It was a good day. It was a great day actually. Yeah, I played solid again. Just kind of plotted along, and hit it better today and continued to make putts. So, you know, 6-under is a great score out here.

THE MODERATOR: Go ahead and take us through your birdies. Starting on the 2nd hole, par 3.

MARC TURNESA: The 2nd hole is a great birdie because I had it relatively close on the 1st hole, and didn't make it, lifted out. And the 2nd hole is one that you don't really expect to make, it's probably 40 feet or so, left to right, and it went in with perfect speed. And kind of got the day on a good note.

THE MODERATOR: Birdie on No. 3.

MARC TURNESA: I hit a pitching wedge to 8 feet, I would say.

THE MODERATOR: Your only bogey, No. 4.

MARC TURNESA: What is the fourth hole?

I don't remember my bogeys. That is a fairway, you have to hit, and I did it. It was perfect with the 7-iron and I tugged it just enough and I got down in the thick Bermuda. It really, to be honest with you, it wasn't terribly difficult, it's always tough to judge how they are going to come out of there, but I thought could up-and-down and it came a little soft, and I had I don't know 8 feet right up the hill, right to left, and it was par putt.

THE MODERATOR: Par 3, 8th hole?

MARC TURNESA: Par 3, 8th hole I hit a 6-iron perfect 10 feet right of the hole, pin high.

THE MODERATOR: No. 11, par 5.

MARC TURNESA: Yeah, I birdied that hole the first time all week. I finally hit it in the fairway. And it was a good thing, we played it up today because was mud balls all over the place. And the previous

days I was getting mud balls in the rough, but today I got to clean it, and hit it in the fairway and hit I don't know 20 feet, right-to-left putt.

THE MODERATOR: Par 3, 12?

MARC TURNESA: Perfect 9-iron, 156 downwind perfect and it trickled up there about a foot and a half two feet.

THE MODERATOR: Par 4, 14.

MARC TURNESA: That is a tough hole. You got to hit the fairway there. I did that. I was into the wind. I hit a 5-iron 25, 30 feet.

THE MODERATOR: And the last birdie on 17.

MARC TURNESA: That is a good one too. I hit the fairway there. It was a perfect number for a 7-iron, and I hit it perfect. And probably had 3 or 4 feet up the hill.

THE MODERATOR: A lot of "perfects" in that round.

MARC TURNESA: I wasn't really paying attention to it when I was out there. I was doing a lot of things right.

THE MODERATOR: Questions?

Q Do you watch the leaderboard at all?

MARC TURNESA: I do and I don't. I was watching it, peeking at it here and there today. I know today it didn't really matter. Nobody is going to be a winner after today. So I knew I had to keep making birdies. Today I looked at it here and there; tomorrow it just depends on how I'm playing really.

Q Do you know what happened to Will?

MARC TURNESA: Yeah, they told me after I played. I didn't know while I was out there. That is a shame, really. To get a two-shot penalty and the guy is leading the tournament. You hate to see that happen to anybody. I think Bill Haas got a two-shot penalty for a wrong ball or something, changing out to a different ball. It's unfortunate and I've been in that situation, actually last week I was in that situation. And you hate to see it happen to anybody.

Q It seems like your nerves held up well today after that start, maybe because the long birdie helped. What do you think about tomorrow now because you made it through today, is that a huge thing for you, and does it help you tomorrow?

MARC TURNESA: Well I think it's a huge thing whether or not it will help me tomorrow, probably not. I would like to say it will. But, you know, tomorrow is a new day. I'm proud of the way I have played to this point, and you know, I'm going to try not to think about tomorrow until tomorrow. And maybe watch some football tonight and try to get on some sleep.

Q Have you at this point had an opportunity to look at the money?

MARC TURNESA: The money list or the money breakdown?

Q Yeah.

MARC TURNESA: No, because I know what it is. I know what it is. I know if you win you get a nice big check. Yeah.

You want to be, you want to win that is for sure.

Q You feel your game is ready to win on this tour now, now that you have won last year? You played three solid rounds?

MARC TURNESA: I think so. Absolutely. To hold the lead out here for three days in a row is not an easy thing to do. If you can hold the lead in any round of a tournament you are capable of winning. Every player out here is. Sure.

Q What did you do if at all anything differently today than you did in Memphis? Anything at all?

MARC TURNESA: Um, not really. I played better. I don't know, I made more putts.

I was more comfortable out there I would say, for sure.

I don't know why, but I feel pretty good out there. And, well I guess when you are playing that kind of golf and making a lot of birdies and not many bogeys it's hard not to feel good. It's hard not to think about the future out there. Everybody does it and I'm trying to do a better job of not doing it. So, you know you can't let your mind wander and you have to stay in the present and that is important. The guy that wins this tournament this week is going to be in the present

Q Are you and Will friends, good friends?

MARC TURNESA: I'd say friends or good friends. He lives down in Jupiter as well. And I know him from down South Florida and, you know, he is such a great guy. And will I be paired with him tomorrow. Will is a great guy. As you know, you have seen him in the media. He is easy going and nice guy.

Q (Inaudible)?

MARC TURNESA: No, I give them the advice.

Q (Inaudible)?

MARC TURNESA: My great uncle and my grandfather they are all dead, they are the ones that have been there and they can't help me in that regard. My parents and my family, I just get a lot of support from them. I think that is as good as advice.

Q When you saw Will moving up the leaderboard were you surprised at all? You figured someone was going to get hot? Were you surprised it was Will, you know him, and you know his game.

MARC TURNESA: I wasn't surprised. But I was pretty impressed. I think I peaked at the leaderboard somewhere in the background, and I had just made a few birdies, and I had a one next to my name, and then I looked again and I was two back, And I said, wow! I said get 'em Will. He is playing great obviously.

THE MODERATOR: Anything else? Well, Marc, play well tomorrow.

MARC TURNESA: Thanks guys.
