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BIGHORN Golf Club
The Canyons Course
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First-round leader quotes**

AN INTERVIEW WITH CATRIONA MATTHEW

THE MODERATOR: Catriona, thank you very much for joining us. A great opening round today 64, 8-under, eight birdies, no bogeys, and one shot off the tournament which is 63. If you want to open with some comments first then we will do your scorecard.

CATRIONA MATTHEW: I thought I played obviously well today. I don't think I missed any fairways, maybe missed just a couple of greens, and really just hit it pretty close all day. I could have had a few more birdies even. I missed a few short putts for birdies but, obviously, I'm delighted with the score. I think obviously the conditions were just perfect with no wind. The course is in great shape. So I think there will be a lot low scores this week.

THE MODERATOR: Very good. Let's start with No. 1.

CATRIONA MATTHEW: No. 1, I hit a 7-iron into probably to about 2 feet and holed that for birdie.

Then the second, I hit an 8-iron onto about 15 feet and holed for birdie.

Then 10, I hit a 9-iron to about two feet, three feet, holed that for birdie.

12, I was just short of the green in two and chipped it to three feet and holed for birdie.

THE MODERATOR: What club did you hit?

CATRIONA MATTHEW: I hit a 3-wood on 12 and then just short to the green.

14, I probably hit it to about ten feet and holed that for birdie just with the sand iron.

15, I hit it probably to about 12 feet, again sand iron, third shot on the par-5 and holed that one.

16, I hit an 8-iron on to probably six feet and holed that one for birdie.

And then 17, I hit a 5-iron to three feet and holed that for birdie.

And then I had a good 2-putt actually on the last for par.

THE MODERATOR: Questions?

Q. Do you think it's going to take four rounds of 64? You are going to have four rounds of 60 it sound likes?

CATRIONA MATTHEW: I think you are definitely going to have to have four rounds in the 60's. I think if you had four 64's, you would win it. I mean, obviously, if it stays like that the scoring is going to be low. Yes, definitely four rounds in the 60's.

Q. Tell us a little about that shot that set up the putt on 17, that was a tremendous shot, did you think it was going to go in, did you think it had a chance?

CATRIONA MATTHEW: Not really, we were kind of further down, going up the hill, so you couldn't really see it. I think I had 179 to the hole and hit just a little 5-iron. It looked good. Then the crowd got a little excited, so I thought it might be quite close. You couldn't really see from the fairway.

Q. In playing your practice rounds, in the Pro-Am round, were you thinking to yourself, wow, 64, 65 is accessible on this golf course? And if so, what was it about the course that made you think wow, there are birdies out there?

CATRIONA MATTHEW: Yes, I mean I thought certainly when I played the practice round scoring would be pretty low here. Obviously, you've got the best players here. And the course is in such good shape. The weather was perfect. No wind. I really had no excuses not to score well. You got some short par-4's. There is a nice mixture of holes. The par-5's, 2 of them, I think you can just about get, so there are a lot of birdie chances out there.

Q. Teeing off early, was that an advantage, it does tend to get a little warm here in the summer?

CATRIONA MATTHEW: I thought it was pretty warm at 10 o'clock.

Q. Is that going to be a factor, do you think?

CATRIONA MATTHEW: I don't think. I think we're playing earlier tomorrow and then it's to cool down for the weekend, so it shouldn't be too much of a problem.

Q. I think if I read the book right that 64 matches your low round on the TOUR?

CATRIONA MATTHEW: Yes, I think it does, yes.

Q. Is that surprising to you?

CATRIONA MATTHEW: Yes, I don't often, you know, have low, low scores. I'm kind of more -- kind of steady round-about 68 or 69. But, as I say, just started taking it close and rolled off four birdies in a row on the back nine, it's amazing, it was quite easy.

Q. (Inaudible)?

CATRIONA MATTHEW: Yes. It would be nice if it was like that all the time.

THE MODERATOR: Any other questions? Thank you.