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First-round leader quotes

AN INTERVIEW WITH JILL MCGILL

NEIL REID: We'll do your scorecard last. Maybe we can start off talking about what was working for you out there today. **Error! Bookmark not defined.**

JILL MCGILL: My putter which was nice to see because it hasn't been working in about nine years.

It felt pretty good. I worked on it with my Coach actually Wednesday, and I got on this little training device that this other guy had brought out to Callaway, and I just envisioned it all day and it really helped.

Q. Same putter you have been using for a while?

JILL MCGILL: Same putter since Phoenix. But I have putted with this style of putter before.

Q. What kind of putt is it?

JILL MCGILL: It's an Odyssey, White Hot. And I cannot remember the model number. White Hot is a little bit of a mallet, a rounded back. It has a round back, White Hot.

I actually went to a shorter also, and it seemed to be helping a little; shorter for me. I think standard is 34 and I think this would be 33. They usually bring out shorter putters on here. I just picked one up and started using it.

Q. Things here pretty tough?

JILL MCGILL: I was really, really glad. What I need mostly is to bring in my focus a little bit, and that's what this course does for you, you have to be on the right side of the hole.

This course is not so much mechanical as much as it is feel. And I think that's what I need to improve on to start playing better. So it's kind of a blessing in disguise. It's tough, but it definitely narrows my focus.

Q. Which course is tougher, this one or Mission Hills?

JILL MCGILL: Well, I think this course is going to play tougher because of the greens. Mission Hills is a great golf course. No question about it.

Q. They are both great courses, I just think it's kind of odd (Inaudible)?

JILL MCGILL: Well, you see that on the all tours. There is just courses that are known for being more difficult. And the reason why this course is so difficult is because the greens are so hard is why, and you have to put it in the right spot on the greens.

Q. Is it the speed of the green?

JILL MCGILL: Everything. This is the most break you'll every see in greens. There might be -- I maybe had three straight putts today and that's because they were inside six feet.

Q. (Inaudible)?

JILL MCGILL: It forces you to be imaginative. That's kind of what I squished out of my game and that's my strength. So I'm glad to be able to capitalize on that again.

Q. (Inaudible)?

JILL MCGILL: I definitely like it. There is a lot of people in here in LA who are Trojan fans and I always get people coming out. I definitely have people coming out to watch. So it's fun and I feel comfortable in this area. I love LA.

Q. Does that help you relax?

JILL MCGILL: I don't think it really makes a difference but it definitely is fun.

Q. How familiar are with you this course before?

JILL MCGILL: The first time I played it is when we came here on TOUR. We never played this course in college.

Q. (Inaudible)?

JILL MCGILL: I don't know. I would imagine we have been finished for a half hour. We teed off at 7:50. Probably four-and-a-half hours; four-and-a-half, 4:45, something like that, under five. It would have been about 10 minutes faster but I had a ruling on 17 where I dropped my ball.

Q. (Inaudible)?

JILL MCGILL: I'm not really sure. I'm not really sure what happened. I know that I had a little bit of a problem with my wrist. It's a little bit of tendonitis in my left hand. I strengthened my grip over the off season. And I think that it puts pressure where I haven't been putting pressure for the last nine years, so it's going to be causing a little bit of tenderness. The guy in physiotherapy worked out my wrist and worked out my arms, and definitely no hindrance to playing. I mean no pain, nothing. And I hit my tee shot. I birdied 11 last week on Sunday, and I hit my tee shot on 12. And all of a sudden it was like somebody just stabbed a knife in my shoulder, and I never had any sort of debilitating ailments out on the golf course. So that's all I can say. It's just spasmed, and I have a lot more empathy for people who have that sort of problem because I never experienced it before. I just went to the Urgent Care to see what they had. I knew it was a muscle spasm but I never had that kind of pain. And then just went to phys ed.

I got home in San Diego, I looked up physiotherapy, it was two minutes walking from my house. This is the greatest thing ever. They took great care of me the last Monday through -- Wednesday I went before I came up here. The physiotherapy is working my shoulder out.

Q. Did that happen Sunday at Nabisco?

JILL MCGILL: Yes, Sunday.

Q. How did you finish?

JILL MCGILL: I don't know what place I finished. I know I made 3 bogeys, 12 through 18.

NEIL REID: Anything else? Go over your card real quick.

JILL MCGILL: No. 1, I birdied, I hit a 50 degree wedge to about four feet.

No. 2, I bogeyed. I hit in the bunker and off the tee. I didn't get up and down.

Q. How far was your par putt there?

JILL MCGILL: It was about eight feet, right-to-left.

3, hit in the right rough, hit it short, hit to about eight feet, made it for par. Chipped it to about eight feet.

The pars were the story of the day, I tell ya. Par saving putts. Let's see.

NEIL REID: 5, a birdie.

JILL MCGILL: What's 5?

NEIL REID: Short par-5.

JILL MCGILL: Yes, I hit an L-wedge to about 15 feet above the hole. I'm glad the sucker went in.

NEIL REID: Bogey on 7.

JILL MCGILL: Hit in the right rough and then the left rough, couldn't get to the green, hit my chip. It was a terrible chip to about 20 feet and missed the putt.

8, I gripped down a 4-iron into the wind. I hit it about 24 feet right behind the pin.

NEIL REID: Birdie on 13.

JILL MCGILL: 13, hit a pitching wedge to about 30 feet and made it.

NEIL REID: Bogey on 15.

JILL MCGILL: Pulled my 9-iron dead left into the bunker and hit my bunker shot to about eight feet and didn't make it.

17, I hit a 5-iron basically on the green just from the right front fringe, 2-putted.

NEIL REID: How far were you there with that?

JILL MCGILL: 60 feet, 70 feet.

NEIL REID: You 2-putted?

JILL MCGILL: Yes, I saw a 4 putt in my group so I will take it.

Then I hit a 9-iron to about three feet on 18.

Q. (Inaudible)?

JILL MCGILL: It is. I made 6 birdies and 3 bogeys I guess, but I made about four putts for par that were really key. Three of them were about eight or ten feet.

Q. (Inaudible)?

JILL MCGILL: Yes. It's nice to see the ball go in the hole.

NEIL REID: Thanks, Jill.