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First-Round Interviews

Interview of Patricia Meunier-Lebouc

MODERATOR: Well, Patricia, thanks for coming in and speaking with us. Fabulous 4-under-par today, and you are up at the top of the leaderboard. Tell us about your day, and we'll take some questions.

PATRICIA MEUNIER-LEBOUC: Well I just really putted 300% better than all year, you know. I start to put my fingers on the right things I'm missing on putting. And just give me a confirmation of what I, you know, I have to work on. And it's very exciting.

THE MODERATOR: We'll take questions. Do you mind using this microphone so we can get all of the questions.

Q I'm just going to say you were saying this winter you are going to work hard on your fitness. Has it been difficult having the baby to just kind of keep?

PATRICIA MEUNIER-LEBOUC: Yeah, I have to say last year when I started again she was only 8 weeks. I started working out again and I worked very hard last winter. At one point I think I was really exhausted. I gave a lot, but maybe it was too much. I don't know how to do a little bit. So, I really kind of I had to take it easy. And I was I was tough because I was not playing good. I had a lot of things I didn't understand. And a lot of things going on. And with the baby on the side, you have to. It's too many things.

So I try to be patient, but the word was more frustration. But, you know. And I realized when I played in Europe this summer when I finished 3rd in Sweden, I played really, really good golf over there, much better than today actually. I hit the ball unbelievably well. Maybe was short for one week, but I really played great. And I new I wanted keep playing golf. That is one thing. When have you a baby and you play competitive golf, I don't like to do things half.. That's not my type. So I was kind of in between. I didn't know if I could do it again, you know, and give myself a chance to reach the same level I reached.

Q Did you ever think of giving up?

PATRICIA MEUNIER-LEBOUC: I don't think so. Well I thought about it in a way because I just didn't see myself -- I always thought if I'm not making a living out of it, or not having fun, or things like that, I would do something else. I was not at that point. But that's the question. When you are in that situation you look at everything possible, I have always done that, you know I always face the problems. And when I'm in Sweden and I finished 3rd, I have the answer to my question. I knew I wasn't done with golf, and I wanted to try hard to come back at the best level. So that was one thing, but then to have that to happen. Now, I know I have a lot of work, but a day like today it just helps me to go towards my goal, and that's the most important now.

Q Patricia, lets talk about your rounds, you got off to a fast start, and then had the double bogey. How did you come back from your double bogey?

PATRICIA MEUNIER-LEBOUC: Well, I just tried to come back and say after the double, just play one shot at a time. I tried to come back. Okay. There is a shot to play now. Just getting to it and playing it and then you go to the next one and play it, kind of you forget about what happened before. And I think that is a lot of what happened to me in that frustration I was thinking about. When you won a major and you have been such a good player, it's tough not to do the same thing again and again. So I have a tendency to add things up when I hit a bad shot and then I hit another one or so, and I cannot forget. I have the tendency not to be able to forget lately. Because I will not accept it. Now I will go, if I want to make it I will have to forget about it. I really have to make that step forward.

So that is what I have done after the doubles. I was not hitting very much -- I was like a leaf a little bit. I maybe try to say, okay, now go to the next hole, and you hit the shot, and like that. It's very uncomfortable this position when you play good and you have a double, and struggling to make the ball go in the air, and it's good to just see that I have been able to focus again, and accept it, and go to the next shot. And that was the big step today for that.

Q Talk about your finish. I believe you birdied 3 of the last 6?

PATRICIA MEUNIER-LEBOUC: Yes.

Q Talk about that stretch to get you back in the lead.

PATRICIA MEUNIER-LEBOUC: I think at that point I've been more into what has always been my strength when in my good years, you know. It's being able to focus on where I want to play, and play the shot, and do it. Play the shot one after another, and be in the shot, and just go for it. And that was more or less what I was feeling. And because I was putting good too, I felt like I was hitting it consistent every single time, even if I was not making it, I was really consistent. It goes on my driving and on my irons. And lately I was not putting good. It got on my driving and my irons. And when you have to be that close to make a birdie, it's a lot of pressure. Today, I did not having that pressure. I was not telling myself that, but I was the same. I was telling, just hit the shot. Go for it. Go for it. And then I had a birdie putt. Even if I was like 20 feet away, I knew I had a chance to make it. And that is such a big difference. We all know that. But I had that today.

Q Was there a shot on the back 9 where you felt like you got the ship righted and on the right track?

PATRICIA MEUNIER-LEBOUC: Yeah, this green is tough. The two in the row 13 and 14, the two greens on the course that are really tricky. They are tough. And I was changing the club and the wind changed, whatever. And I needed a really good consistent shot, and the first cut on the right, that was. And then make it happen with the putt, with something that I have not felt for a while. A good shot, and make a putt behind is something I need to feel more. And I have been able to feel with consistency today, and I felt good about it. That's why it was good. Usually I have a few days I was putting better and making birdies, but I didn't have the confidence out of it, or didn't believe it really that I could do it. But I was going one after another. I was so, so much more into myself, you know, the way I can be when I play good golf. I was not like, oh, I made a bird, now what is going to happen? No, I was feeling normal. Okay. Hit another shot, and go to the next one. And I started to feel like, getting to the green so that putt. And on 16 I had a pretty short putt, you know, like, what is it? Less than 10 feet. These putts are important, you get there. And I putted it and it got in. Like you know most of the time this year, I felt like I putted okay. And it goes no where. And this one in. And the next one. I do an unbelievable shot on 17, it was pin with the wind. I hit a 5-iron low like this into the wind. And I got 6 or 7 feet and just went for it. Really went for it. It didn't matter, it was the second birdie in a row, or it was getting close to the end. I was much more relaxed than lately. So, good things.

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