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**Pre-tournament quotes**

**AN INTERVIEW WITH MICHELLE WIE**

PAM WARNER: Michelle, thank you for coming in and joining us today. It's your fourth time playing here at the Samsung World Championship, just talk about being back at here BIGHORN.

**MICHELLE WIE:** You know, I love it here. I really do. It's a great venue. It's a great golf course. And you know Samsung just holds a really good tournament every single year and I can't believe it's my fourth year already. I'm just really happy to be back.

PAM WARNER: Since the last time we've talked you started school at Stanford, what has your experience so far at school been like?

**MICHELLE WIE:** I can't explain enough of it. It's been so crazy. I think crazy is the one word that explains college. It's hard work, but it's a lot of fun, too. I just love the people in my dorm, thankfully my roommate is pretty normal. I like her. We both said the same thing to each other, God, I'm so glad you're not psycho or going to kill yourself this year. So it works out. I made a lot of great new friends. The professors are great. I'm really excited about the classes that I am taking this year.

PAM WARNER: Questions for Michelle.

Q. How are you physically?

**MICHELLE WIE:** I feel a lot better physically. I am just so grateful for the fact that I am actually feeling really healthy right now. My wrist is feeling a lot better. It never felt better the whole year. I feel like I'm getting stronger. I feel better. I feel healthy as a person, too. You know, going to college, you know, just having some fun. Just really working out and really practicing and just leaving everything behind. I just feel like a cleaner, healthier person.

Q. How are you finding the classes, the difficulty of the classes?

How are you balancing your practice with your class schedule and homework?

**MICHELLE WIE:** You know, classes are pretty difficult especially when you have to take midterms the day after you get back to school. I'm not looking forward to that. As I said, the professors are great. The lectures that they teacher are amazing. I write pages and pages of notes. I never really experienced that before. It's a lot of fun.

It's the first time where I felt like, you know, when you're in high school, and you are usually the outstanding student. But when you go into Stanford, you are like, am I the mistake exception? Everyone is so smart. Everyone is so outstanding in whatever they do.

I feel just very lucky to be part of the graduating class. You know, I think college is working out because I have a lot more time to practice, too. I really feel like I got my schedule down where I get to have my hours of practice in the morning, then I get to work out in the afternoon. So, you know, I really feel like I'm starting to get into my schedule.

Q. What are your classes?

**MICHELLE WIE:** Well, I'm taking introduction to humanities. It's a required class. I'm taking a lot of general credit courses. This quarter I'm taking calculus and Japanese.

Q. When you went back, was it the injuries, is that what happened?

**MICHELLE WIE:** Yes. If I look back on this year, I don't blame myself, my golf game, nothing changed this year. The only thing that I would do differently, I wouldn't have played this year. It's as simple as that.

The only thing that I did wrong this year is that I did not take my injuries as seriously as I should have. You know, it was my first injury that I had ever as a golfer. It's been over a year since I've been healthy. And now that I feel like I'm healthy again I realize how I felt now and how I felt then. I should have just not have played. It was as simple as that. I'm not blaming myself for anything. If I had to do anything I just wouldn't have played. I'm not thinking about it right now. I'm thinking about the future. As I said, I feel a lot healthier. I feel a lot better as a person. You know, I think that it will get better.

Q. Would you have changed anything? Would you have apologized to Annika for what happened at the Ginn Tribute?

**MICHELLE WIE:** Well, I mean I never really said that. I still don't feel like I did something wrong but if I felt if Annika, or anyone felt like I disrespected them, or if I done anything wrong to them, you know, I do apologize for that. But I don't really feel like I've done anything wrong as with myself. But like I said, the only thing I would have done differently, I wouldn't have played this whole year.

Q. Michelle, was the decision to go back and play before maybe before you were ready was that just a matter of wanting to compete or being bored to death at home?

**MICHELLE WIE:** That was my 17-year-old competitive heart coming out. I mean take any young golfer and tell them that they have to sit out on every tournament. They are not going to want to do that. It was my decision. It was my wanting to compete. I love the game that made me go out there. Maybe a little bit too soon, but it was what I wanted to do. I really wanted to compete and I did that.

Q. Since school started how much have you played, how much practice do you get in?

**MICHELLE WIE:** You know, I practice every day. I work out every day. It's been pretty good because I feel like I've been able to practice more being in college than in high school because I think that the flexibility of making my own schedule and being able to practice whenever I want, you know, is a big advantage, I think.

Q. Do you have any other tournaments scheduled this year?

**MICHELLE WIE:** Not so far, no.

Q. Michelle, where do you see yourself in a year from now?

**MICHELLE WIE:** I see myself being a stronger person, being stronger physically, more stronger mentally. I feel like I'm going to do pretty well. Have fun in college and practice as hard as I can. Really play out the work hard, play hard motto.

Q. Can you talk about your decision not to join the LPGA for 2008? Did you consider it at all?

**MICHELLE WIE:** It was more of a personal decision for me because unfortunately it conflicted right with orientation week at school. It was my first week at college. You know, I really didn't want to miss that. It's a once in a lifetime opportunity. You don't get to be the first week of college freshman over again. It was more of a personal decision for me. It was unfortunate that it conflicted with my first week of school.

Q. If it didn't conflict do you think you would have tried to qualify?

**MICHELLE WIE:** Most probably I would have. I think it was definitely on my mind to qualify and stuff like that. But, you know, it just happened that way.

Q. Michelle, some strange things have happened to you at this tournament the last couple of years, you had the DQ, you hurt your wrist last year, do you have any trepidation coming back here or are you comfortable here because you got the place here?

**MICHELLE WIE:** You know, a lot of good things, a lot of bad things happened to me at this event. It's been pretty traumatic. It's been pretty epic actually.

A lot of good things happen, it was my first tournament after I turned pro. It's my birthday every single year this week. So I always take it as a new beginning every single year. I get a year older. Well, it's my birthday this week. You know, I just feel like this year is going to be extra special because I will actually be a legal adult. I'm very excited for that. I think that it's time for a new beginning. I'm really looking forward to it.

Q. Going back to living at Stanford, obviously, you're very busy training, practicing and such, do you feel you still get to live the life of a college student, are you able to take part in extracurricular activities, things like that?

**MICHELLE WIE:** Oh, yes, definitely. No worries about that.

Q. Talk about that a little bit. Obviously, people out here, you know, everyone out here there is a lot of Southern California fans, USC fans, what was your opinion of Stanford's big victory over USC?

**MICHELLE WIE:** Do you really want to get me started on that? I was so happy that we won. No. 48, he lives in my dorm. I just feel like it was the best decision that I made to actually go into a dorm. It's an all freshman dorm. Unfortunately, I live on the third floor. It's a pain to walk every day. But, you know, it's so much fun because being the only child in a house growing up, I never really had anyone to play with and now it's like, on, I'm bored, entertain. You have 88 other people who are in the dorm. It's just great because whenever you have a problem you don't go back home, now you actually go back to your dorm, and you talk about it with your friends and. RA's and everyone. Everyone has been so supportive of me and everything. When Stanford beat USC I was jumping up-and-down. I was, unfortunately, by myself in my room, but I was calling everyone. It was pretty insane, I have to say. I'm pretty proud of Stanford.

Q. How much time have you spent here practicing since you have been in school? Are you coming up here on the weekends?

**MICHELLE WIE:** Actually, I didn't really have that much time to come down here for the weekend. I've been pretty busy just getting settled into my dorm and moving everything in. I came here on Thursday, or Wednesday night, or Thursday and I just stayed here until then.

PAM WARNER: Any other questions? Thank you, Michelle.

**MICHELLE WIE:** Thank you.

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