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Second-round leader quotes

AN INTERVIEW WITH NICOLE CASTRALE

PAM WARNER: We'll, Nicole, thanks for coming and joining us today.

NICOLE CASTRALE: Thanks for having me.

PAM WARNER: Great round out there, 3-under, currently tied for second, do you want to talk about your round.

NICOLE CASTRALE: Do you want me to go through my scorecard?

PAM WARNER: We'll go through that.

NICOLE CASTRALE: The conditions were easier than they were yesterday afternoon. It was pretty windy. So, you know, just kind of sticking to my game plan of hitting fairways and greens. You definitely want to keep it below the pin. I had a lot of good opportunities today and just played solid.

PAM WARNER: You have been playing pretty well the last few weeks, do you want to talk about your game right now?

NICOLE CASTRALE: Yes, I haven't been scoring really the last couple events and finally started to put it together at LPGA, and here and it just feels like things are going in the right direction.

PAM WARNER: We can go over your scorecard.

NICOLE CASTRALE: Birdie 2, made about 8-footer.

3, I made birdie and made about a 15-footer.

PAM WARNER: What did you hit up to the green with?

NICOLE CASTRALE: 2, I hit a pitching wedge.

3, I hit a lob wedge.

4, I made bogey.

7, I made --

PAM WARNER: Tell us about 4.

NICOLE CASTRALE: I drove it in the rough. Second shot in the rough, third shot in the rough. And then ended up getting up and down for bogey there.

PAM WARNER: How far would you say your putt was?

NICOLE CASTRALE: My putt was about a foot.

7, I made birdie. I hit 7-iron to about 20 feet.

15, I made birdie. I hit 9-iron to about maybe 25, 30 feet and made that.

PAM WARNER: Questions for Nicole.

Q. There was not much wind at all was there?

NICOLE CASTRALE: I mean there was a little bit, but I would say nothing compared to yesterday afternoon.

Q. Tell me about the course, when there is no wind blowing, how often have you been here?

NICOLE CASTRALE: I've played here a couple of times.

Q. You have been around a little bit, you know, does this course, if the wind is not blowing, do you feel it's a short course? I know the rough can be tough and the greens are fast, but it sounds like some of your approach shots were kind of short. Do you feel it's a short course if you are not battling the winds?

NICOLE CASTRALE: I mean in a sense it is. The fairways are also about 15 yards wide. It may be short, but it's very demanding off the tee. If you hit it in the first cut or even the second cut, you're not really going to spin it. The greens are firm. If you get it above the pin, it's a pretty testy putt from there. Even though it's short, I would say it's a pretty difficult golf course.

Q. You were saying you finally started to score the last couple of weeks, was there a difference, a change, I mean, why did it come together?

NICOLE CASTRALE: No, I mean I think that's just golf. You know, I have been playing well, hitting a lot of good golf shots and putting well. It's just a matter of all putting it together. I just felt like it's been a little easier to do per se the last couple of weeks.

Q. This could turn out to be your best year so far?

NICOLE CASTRALE: This is my first full season. I'm looking forward to it. So far it is, we've got a lot of events left and there is still a lot of golf.

Q. The position on the leaderboard, are you comfortable there, is it jittery?

NICOLE CASTRALE: No, I wouldn't say I'm jittery, I've won twice on the Future's Tour last year. Really a golf tournament is a golf tournament, a leaderboard. You still have to hit golf shots. You still have to hit fairways. You still have to hit greens. Definitely the competition is much tougher on the LPGA TOUR. I take the experience of winning twice on a good stage on The Future's Tour out here.

Q. What's your approach going to be for the final two days, are you going to change it or stay the same?

NICOLE CASTRALE: I'm really not going to change it. I'm going to just keep hitting fairways and greens and try to keep it below the pin and go from there.

Q. Can you explain what's the essential difference in the last year, now that you're winning on the Future's Tour, and you are doing better on the LPGA TOUR, is it just more experience?

NICOLE CASTRALE: You know a lot of it is experience. A lot of it is fine tuning. Getting better basically. Everyone is getting better out here. So if you don't keep improving, you're going to get lapped.

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

NICOLE CASTRALE: Thanks.

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