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First round Interviews

Interview of Nicole Perrot

THE MODERATOR: Nicole, thank you for coming in tied at 6 under, tied for the lead. Can we go over your scorecard first?

NICOLE PERROT: Yes. No. 1, 4. Birdie on No. 2. No. 3.

THE MODERATOR: Can you tell me what you hit on No. 2?

NICOLE PERROT: A drive. And then my -- then I hit the rescue and then I was at the right side of the green on the bunker, and make a good chip, and make a putt.

THE MODERATOR: How long was the putt?

NICOLE PERROT: It was 5-foot.

THE MODERATOR: And then a birdie on No. 4.

NICOLE PERROT: No. 4 is -- Oh, yeah I hit, we hit an 8-iron.

THE MODERATOR: Okay.

NICOLE PERROT: I had a pretty long putt, left to right. I put it in. I don't know probably 20-footer. Like a great putt.

THE MODERATOR: And birdie on 5?

NICOLE PERROT: And then birdie on No. 5. Yep. Par 4 -- I can't remember. Okay. I remember. A drive. I hit a drive. And then I hit like a 6-iron. And then I was pretty close, like 10-foot. And then I made a double on No. 6. I hit a drive, and then I had a 4-iron into the

bunker. And then take it, but it wasn't short so it stayed on top of the rough, and I chip it, and two-putts. And then birdie No. 7. I hit a drive and then the rescue, 19 rescue. And then hit a 56 wedge for 85. I'm left really close, almost put it in. I tuck it in. And No. 9, I hit a birdie it was drive. A good drive and then lay up with a 5-iron. And then also I have like an early 80-yard shot with a 56, and I was like 5-footer.

And then No. 10 I hit a 22° rescue and then have like a 80-yard shot again. I hit it on the left, like a 4-footer, 3-footer and make it in. 11, par 3, I hit an 8-iron. And also was pretty close like 3-foot. And No. 13, I hit a drive.

Yeah, drive. And then I hit the 5-iron, and it was to the right of the pin, like about, I don't know, probably 15-foot something like that, and that was a birdie.

THE MODERATOR: Can you talk about your round today?

NICOLE PERROT: I played pretty good. I mean I feel comfortable the whole round. I just make one double and no bogeys. But I mean I played really solid. I think the whole round I played very consistent and I just put the ball where I wanted to. And I mean especially on the greens and where the pin positions are. And I drive pretty good the ball, so I mean, I think it was important. But beside the double I was in the bunker. I think it's a tough golf course. Like if you make one mistake it could be very tough. Tough to take it -- to make that mistake make a bogey. It's easy to make a double or big numbers. but I think it's good.

THE MODERATOR: What are your thoughts going into the weekend?

NICOLE PERROT: Tomorrow is another day. I have the same plan. Just one shot at a time. There is a couple of tough holes. It's very important how the wind is going to change and play in the afternoon. I think the golf course changes a lot with the wind. Today there was no wind. But it was different playing in the afternoon, of course. And I really had to take care of all of that. And on the green I think it's going to be a little bit faster, so also watch out. But I mean besides that, they are the same.

THE MODERATOR: Great. We'll open up for some questions.

Q Can you catch us up with what has been going on with you the past month or so. I think you missed a couple of cuts, and then to have such a good round today?

NICOLE PERROT: Yeah. I mean, like, this year I have been kind of a tough year for me. The first year like too many things going on. But I think, I mean it was good, it was a good experience. I played too many tournaments. I was tired, that's why this last month I didn't play. I would draw one tournament, and I got sick, very sick with cold. And I went back home and just took the other tournaments off. I think that's good. It's great. I have been resting and taking care. I want to play this week and next week and that is it. and I'm going to play December, and that's it for the year. And I am preparing for the next year. It feels good, and I was really tired and I was really resting and taking care of myself. I think sometimes it's easy to happen here, you know, travelling everywhere.

Q What your impressions of the course?

NICOLE PERROT: Oh. Great. The golf course is great. I arrived last Thursday and I have been playing it a lot. It's great. Great conditions. Tough golf course. I think if you make a couple of mistakes it cost you very hard. But it's great. I mean the place is great. Fantastic. I think it's nothing. I have nothing to say bad about this golf course. I think it's great. Really in great conditions. It's tough. It's different. So it's quite interesting and fun. Fun to play.

Q Wendy Ward was in here just before you, and she was saying she thought management was kind of important, you plan what you want to do ahead of time to stay out of trouble. Did you see it that way as well?

NICOLE PERROT: Management?

Q Course management?

NICOLE PERROT: Of course. I think it's very important to put the ball where you want to, to play your own plan game. I think it's different and you have to stick to that and play with that. With the wind too, whether it comes up or no. But I really think it's important to have your own planned game and stick to that and don't, I mean don't start doing other things. There is a couple of holes if you make mistakes they can cost you. So I think that is important. Especially second shots. I think they are pretty tough because of the light. You know, most of the time it's tough to be, you know, in a good light. So especially it's good to play, I mean, where to put the ball and where the pins are because pins probably tomorrow are going to be tougher. And Sunday too, so.

THE MODERATOR: Any other questions? Thanks, Nicole.