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Pre-tournament interviews

Interview of Lorena Ochoa

THE MODERATOR: Lorena, thanks for coming in and joining us today. You just got off the course, do you want to talk about what the course looks like so far. Hello everybody. I just played my first round. I didn't have a chance to play a practice round before. I feel comfortable in the course. I think it's a course where you have to keep your first shot to make sure you are in a good place and in a good position. Some of the fairways are narrow, and there are little bunkers out there, so you really need to, you know, make sure you get the distance where you want to go and the direction. And, I got that down today. So I feel, you know, happy with my round today. And the greens, I mean they are really undulated, and they are getting faster and faster every day. So you need to put the ball in the right place, you know, try to be below the holes. We have an uphill course and the speed is going to be very important. What I am going to do this afternoon is just practice a little more my putting to get the speed right for the tournament.

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

Q Hello, Lorena. Thank you, very much. Your notoriety in Mexico you are like becoming the angel of Mexico. You and Anna Gabriel. And also, you know, behind the sport of sort of competing with the sport of soccer, it's so popular. I sort of have two questions, if you don't mind?

LORENA OCHOA: Yes.

Q First of all how does it feel playing along Jorge Campos? And also, how does it feel to be one of Mexico's sweethearts?

LORENA OCHOA: Well it was really good time playing with Jorge Campos. I was impressed of his golf, and his ability to hit the ball. He hit the ball really far and really straight, and he makes a couple of good balls. I can tell he practice a lot. He really is leaving soccer behind, which is really good for me. Just to get the sport more popular in my country. And as well, he's helping a lot the juniors golf in Mexico. I mean, there are opportunities to give them a scholarship in the States. And we need to help the kids. I appreciate that very much. We become friends through that. And, you know it's all about gaining the sport more recognition in Mexico. I think, I have been very fortunate to have group support, talking about the media, they are behind me. They know where I'm playing and how I'm doing, and people are getting more excited about golf in Mexico. That's my goal, just to get the sport more popular so that we can have more public golf courses, and everybody can give it a try. And it's doing good so far. It's been just my third year on tour. So in the next couple of years we get bigger and bigger. Thank you.

Q How is your game shaping up for this event? Do you feel confident where you can be say, on Sunday?

LORENA OCHOA: I feel good. I have a chance to go home. I spend sometime with my coach and made some adjustments on my game. I feel comfortable with that. I've been working also on the short game and this is very important on this course. And I'm always positive, and I'm always playing to win. So I have the confidence of hopefully I will be there on Sunday.

THE MODERATOR: Any other questions?

Q How are you doing this year with your goals? And how will that influence what you are going to be looking at doing next year?

LORENA OCHOA: I'm doing good. I struggled the last couple of months. I haven't played the way I wanted to play. But it makes me realize the things I need to work on and the things I need to make an adjustment. You know, I wanted to be in the top, you know, two or three at the end of the year, and now I'm in 4th. If you look at the big picture I accomplished a lot of things this year. It's been a hard year this year for me. A tournament in Mexico, and a lot of stress and pressure and time consuming. And sometimes I wasn't doing what I needed to be doing. But it was a learning experience this year. I want to stay behind. I want to keep practicing hard and I keep giving myself a chance to win a tournament, and getting to the top. So, I feel good now. I feel positive. I think I learned what I needed to learn. I want to finish the year strong and do what I need to do in the off season to make sure next year I'm right there in the top. Thank you.

Q Thank you. Are you having any problems adjusting? You said you are making some adjustments. Have there been any problems at all or are the adjustments going smooth?

LORENA OCHOA: Well the tournaments in Mexico too many things happened, you know, with the media things, you know, with the sponsors and the people and the fans. My expectations to play good in my country and to do well. And just, you know, in the middle of the season it kind of like I hit the wall, and I wasn't performing good. I was tired. And I was a little down. And, you know, I just realized, so many things I had carrying just really hit on me. And I am going to change caddie. About three weeks ago the tournament in Springfield, I switched with my caddie. I was with him for three years. So right now I have just a local caddie this week, and I don't know what I want to do yet. I am just taking the time. And, you know, so there have been a lot of things going around just outside of the golf course. I want to make sure I just concentrate on golf and try to just golf, those few things that are bothering me and concentrate on the golf course.

THE MODERATOR: Any other questions? Thank you, Lorena.

LORENA OCHOA: Thank you.