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Final-round quotes

AN INTERVIEW WITH PAULA CREAMER

MIKE SCANLAN: Paula, scorecard.

PAULA CREAMER: Bogey on 1, I hit a 4 rescue in the rough and had the worse lie I've ever seen possible, and so I just chipped out and I hit a perfect 7-iron, and I have no idea how it didn't stay up on the green and it rolled back down and then I had about a 35 yard pitch. I made about an 18-footer to save bogey. It was a good putt.

I had a huge moment right there and there is nothing worse than making a bogey, but it could have even been a double. But I had a lot of bad luck on that hole and my caddy and I just stood there and said hopefully we got all of the bad shots out on one hole.

No. 12, bogey, I hit a really good drive. I had 150 yards, and I hit a little 7-iron. It was straight downwind. It was too much club over the green and I had about a 40-footer and I putted it about 7 feet by and I missed it.

Birdie on 13, driver, and had a hundred yards, hit a 54 degree wedge to about 9 feet.

And then bogey on 16, driver 150 yards, hit a 7-iron, came up way short, just misjudged the wind and I 3-putted from 35 feet. I missed about a 5-footer.

MIKE SCANLAN: Paula, congratulations. Your seventh Tour win, your third victory of the season. Probably one of the tournaments you wanted to win given the title sponsor, Pink Panther, Owens Corning. If you would just talk about your day. It certainly wasn't easy out there for you.

PAULA CREAMER: No, having a 4-shot lead sounds pretty easy, but it's also very hard knowing that there is going to be so many people coming out. And then when you get all the wind, it is just as difficult. It was an all in all day where you had to hit fairways, and you had to hit greens. Pars were fine. Just trying to get as many birdie opportunities as I could, it was very difficult.

My caddy and I just misjudged a couple of holes, which was unfortunate, but it was just a struggle and a grind, but managed to make some really good putts, but missed a couple, too.

MIKE SCANLAN: Questions?

Q. You were thinking your way through the round, how many times did you come up with, should I go for it here, or play it safe on a certain shot; what was going on with your lead?

PAULA CREAMER: Well, there was quite a few times. After the first hole, I only had 95 yards to carry the water and we're thinking, can I carry it? What do you think? What should we do here. You know, right off the bat I was faced with a decision to make. It was kind of constantly with the wind. Should we try to be a little aggressive or just hit it to right side?

The wind here was so difficult. It just swirled the hole day. We would be straight down, and I would come up 25 feet short and it's like what's going on? I was confident standing in the fairway, I knew it wasn't my ball striking like it was the last couple of days. It was just the wind.

Q. Are you aware of how close people got to you?

PAULA CREAMER: Yes, I was. When I made the turn I saw, I think I had a 2-shot lead and then, you know, I made some good pars. And then the 3-putt on 12, that's when I noticed it. What are you doing? You need to finish this round. And I came out on the next hole, I birdied it. It was the only birdie of the day really.

Q. Paula, considering people were getting close as you made the turn how big was that save on 9?

PAULA CREAMER: Oh, huge. That was just unfortunate. Colin and I, just a wrong club. You don't want to be long. That was a great up and down. That was probably the biggest moments of the day right there. You don't want to make a turn making a bogey. That was huge.

Q. 10, I think it was, you needed one more turn of the ball like Tiger got at the Masters?

PAULA CREAMER: 10. That was something. That was some kind of putt. I didn't realize it was half in the hole and half out. I have no idea how it didn't stay.

Q. How far was it?

PAULA CREAMER: It was about 45, 50 feet. It was pretty much the front of the green.

Q. Considering the start that you had, did you feel like you were leaking oil a little bit the last two rounds?

PAULA CREAMER: The last couple of days. After you shoot 60, I swear it's the hardest thing to come back out and playing. 60, that's not many times. Anything over that, you feel like you are shooting 85. That was hard. But I managed, like I said I managed to get it done. I hit a lot of good shots today. I can't be disappointed. If somebody was to go out and play a lot better than, then so be it. We thought we hit every number. We did. We made some good saves, it was a struggle.

Q. Do you feel like you got rid of? (Inaudible)?

PAULA CREAMER: Yes. Like I said, I played well this week. I shot 60, backed it up with a 65. Then my ball striking went away on Saturday and it came back today. I worked really hard after the round yesterday. I hit a lot of golf balls. I came out, hit the ball well. I just struggled with the wind a bit. It will be a nice week off with the win and it kind of takes your mind off what's happened the last week and a half.

Q. With 60 being outrageous on the first day did you spend the next three days away from the course trying to figure out where that came from and what you can do back there?

PAULA CREAMER: Well, you shoot 60 and it's everybody saying, congratulations, congratulations. You still got three days left. It's just the first day of a 4 day tournament. It wasn't like it totally disappeared. I played well the next day, just a couple of shots on Saturday.

Q. We talked to a lesser known player, she talked about I want to check, there is always next week I

want to know personally about your drive, to win every week, to be the best golfer in the world, is that how you feel every time you tee it up?

PAULA CREAMER: Without a doubt. My goals are to be the No. 1 player in the world. At the same time there is a lot I want to do outside of golf. You know, it's the neatest thing seeing all of this little girls and boys in pink and that's what really means a lot to me. The more putts that I make hopefully I can influence boys and girls to get involved with golf because it's such a great game.

Q. What were you thinking walking up to the 18th?

PAULA CREAMER: It's over. It was quite a feeling walking up the 18th hole. Any time have you a 2-shot lead, or any time you are going to win an event, it's a great feeling. You just try to soak it up. You never know when the next one is good go to be. It's a great feeling and to see all of the people in pink is really what makes it special.

Q. Are you much happy to have this thing finally in the bag, to have actual won it?

PAULA CREAMER: No. I wish we could keep playing more. I like this golf course. I'm glad that I won. There is always next year.

Q. You talked about what this tournament means to you, did we over emphasis it because of the sponsorship thing?

PAULA CREAMER: No, definitely I'm sponsored by Owens Corning. My name make is the Pink Panther. There is all these ties with this weekend. I want to play well for everybody here because of that reason.

But I also want to play well for myself, and I want to come out and win.

But when you see pink, and you see Pink Panther everywhere, I'm reminded constantly about that, and I am really glad that I won, and I told Judd, and I told a couple of other people with Owens Corning. I told Sherri last year when I missed the cut I'm coming back next year and I am going to win this event and we did it.

Q. Away from the golf course, what's your best memory of Toledo this week?

PAULA CREAMER: Watching the water go down on the golf course. Hopefully, there will be no more rain. I always have such a wonderful time when I come here, people are so nice. I'm eating dinner at restaurants and people come up, great job, we are pulling for you. And that's such a nice feeling and that's wonderful to have and to know that there is so much support. I would say the fans, for sure.

Q. You made some key putts out there towards the end, you had a little fist pump, timid, do you have any more demonstrative than that?

PAULA CREAMER: I was excited on the first hole. You can't just practice it. It's got to be in the moment. You have a one-inch putt on the last hole, I'm not going to go Woo. It's all about momentum and there is some key putts that I made out there. I did give a couple of fist pumps. That's who I am. I'm pretty focused. I'm relaxed at the same time, but I'm very determined on what I do.

Q. When you were in the locker room last year and missed the cut, were you mad? Was it emotional? You don't miss many cuts. It's not just this place. How would you describe what that was like?

PAULA CREAMER: It was a terrible feeling. I felt like I let down a lot of people. I let down myself. It was emotional, but I was very determined. I wasn't going to let it ruin the rest of the year, and I wasn't going to let it ruin my thoughts of what I think about this golf course. I had two bad days, and I didn't hit the ball well last year, and I knew that if I came back with a vengeance, and I did, like I said, I

talked to a couple of the people with Owens Corning last year and I told them I'm going to win this event.

Like I said, this golf course sets up so well for me. I had an off year, or an off couple days last year.

Q. As you struggled to hold on, knowing you didn't have your best stuff, so to speak, what did you learn from today that might help you in the future?

PAULA CREAMER: Well, I showed patience. I did. I made a lot of pars in a row. I made the bogey on 1. I made a lot of really good saves, a lot of really good up and downs, a lot of six or seven footers with some break.

At the same time, I learn you have to stay in your own world. It doesn't matter what people do until you are walking down the 18th fairway.

The leaderboard was actually down on 17 green, so I had no idea where I was at, and I was talking to Colin, I said, what's going on here? He said Paula, you're fine, just finish the hole. I learned a lot about perseverance and staying in the moment and forgetting what's happened in the past.

MIKE SCANLAN: Thank you, Paula.

PAULA CREAMER: Thank you.
