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Pre-round tournament quotes

AN INTERVIEW WITH PAULA CREAMER

MIKE SCANLAN: Paula, thanks for coming in. You've had a pretty good year so far; 7 Top-10's, 2 wins. You missed the cut here last year, but in '06 you finished third. So obviously you have a little bit of a comfort level here, if you would just talk about being back at the Jamie Farr.

PAULA CREAMER: Right. This is a great golf course. It sets up really well for my game. You have to hit really good irons out here. You have to hit it in the right part of the greens, and you have to be a good putter. People make a lot of birdies out here. You are just trying to eliminate the bogeys. If you have missed shots, you have to be able to get up and down. The golf course, for how much rain that it's had, the greens are bouncing, they are rolling really well. Hopefully, we won't get more rain.

The golf superintendent here, they have done a phenomenal job with the golf course.

MIKE SCANLAN: Questions?

Q. Paula, having those down finishes the last two years, does the course play any different than last year?

PAULA CREAMER: I was really struggling with my irons last year. I was just struggling with the game of golf. It was a bad week, just kind of a bad time for me. But like I said, I really like this golf course. Every time I come here there is such great fans, The Pink Panther, that's always nice, too. It's a matter of comfort level, and I feel comfortable out here and hopefully I can be in contention on Sunday.

Q. You mentioned you feel pressure, last year you mentioned you feel pressure to perform well here?

PAULA CREAMER: Well, you do. I want to play well out here. I want to compete on Sunday and be in contention, and at the same time there is a lot of people out here pulling for me which is great. It's also added pressure for myself. I want to play well for me, but I also want to play well for everybody else.

Q. Paula, you are one of the younger players who skipped college, what do you feel you've got for skipping college?

PAULA CREAMER: No, there isn't, right now. I would never change what I've done. I've learned an awful lot. I'm 21, this is my fourth year out here. It's everything that imagined. It's hard work. It really is. I don't think it's for everybody when you turn professional right away. There is a lot that you have to get used to, just traveling every week, pressure. Being competitive 30 weeks of the year drains you after a while. But, you know, college is for some people. I want to go back. I want to go get my degree in school. I looked at going to college. It is just at the time I had the opportunity to turn professional and here I am.

Q. You said it's your fourth year on Tour, and you have heard people say you are the best player not to win a Major, considering the amount of time you've been on Tour.

PAULA CREAMER: Normally you hear that when you are older than 21. It is. But at the same time you can't really think with that kind of thing. It's a matter of timing. There are a lot of players that haven't won majors and a lot of people that won majors that haven't won other tournaments. It's a hand-in-hand kind of thing. Obviously it's the biggest goal that I have to overcome to win a Major. You can't force it. As long as I have potential to win it on Sunday, that's all I can ask for. The U.S. Open, I did that. That was the first time I ever played in a last group of a Major. Best finish I had at The Open, a lot of positives to look at too.

Q. Paula, do you think there is any pressure considering Se Ri Pak won this event five times? Is there any pressure on you or the rest of the field?

PAULA CREAMER: I don't think pressure. Obviously she loves this golf course, she has won it so many times. That's just the way it is. There are certainly golf courses that set up well for my eye. This sets up well for hers, and we will see what happens.

Q. I think if I looked right, you are the only player in the Top-10 on the Money List who is here this week, and you should not have to answer for the other 9. But what are some of the things that the players look at, is purse a factor, is place on a schedule a factor? Then I will follow it up with another question.

PAULA CREAMER: Well, for me it's just schedule. You know, I look at the schedule of the year and know where I want to go. This is always a top choice for me. It's a no-brainer for me. For other people it might be. But I've played well on the golf course. I think that has a lot to do with it too, if you feel comfortable at a place. I think schedule has everything to do with it. We came off The Open, and Bulle Rock before that, and we have to go overseas in two weeks, too.

Q. The follow up is, what do you think of the one in four rule and do you think it's being administered properly, penalties appropriate, what are your thoughts on that?

PAULA CREAMER: I think we need the one in four rule. There is no reason why any player should go four years. Four years you have to play one golf event, I think it's definitely necessary. All of the history with this event, with Corning, all of these golf courses that have been there for so many years, I think it's definitely necessary. There is no reason why anybody should fall into that bracket of having to pay a fine.

Q. (Inaudible)?

PAULA CREAMER: It wasn't my day. I just struggled. The three days before that, I hit the ball great. Sunday I wasn't feeling it. It just wasn't happening. I think that I kind of got off on the wrong foot. The double on the easiest hole of the course, and then No. 2, it's difficult. It's a different feeling of playing in the last group on Sunday. I am glad I got to witness it at that time.

Q. The Jamie Farr is a tremendous event. You have a tournament this weekend, do you prepare any differently for the Jamie Farr?

PAULA CREAMER: No, I go to every event the same way, whether it's the U.S. Open or Jamie Farr. It's all about routine. All about sticking with what you have done in the past and what works.

For me, I'm pretty much a schedule kind of person, I do the same thing. If something needs more work or what not, and right now, that's my chipping, so you will see me on the chipping green a lot. That's how I've always been, the same week in and week out, not to make anything different.

Q. Paula, you've been competitive ever since you came on Tour, last year you played with Stacy, it looks like she could do the same thing, what is she going to have to adapt to?

PAULA CREAMER: I think a lot of it is demand, a lot of it is time management. She went to college so she knows what it's like to have time management. To me, I didn't, I went from high school out here. It's a big leap.

But it's all about confidence and just realizing that you feel you've done the work. You can compete with the best players in the world. I think travel will have a lot to do with it. We are so lucky to be able to play in AJGA events, things like that, when you are a junior, and sponsor's exemptions into an event. You get to know what it's like to play on the LPGA Tour. So she knows. She knows what it takes, what it would be like to travel.

MIKE SCANLAN: Thanks, Paula.
