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INTERVIEW OF PAT HURST

THE MODERATOR: I would like to welcome Pat Hurst into the interview room. Pat, good round today, 5-under 67.

PAT HURST: Thank you.

THE MODERATOR: Can you tell me about your round?

PAT HURST: I played pretty good. I've been hitting the ball pretty solid. Today I finally made some putts. That was kind of nice.

THE MODERATOR: Any questions?

Q. So where have you been?

PAT HURST: What do you mean?

Q. We haven't seen you lately.

PAT HURST: It's been a long time, hasn't it?

Q. You haven't won since '09, right?

PAT HURST: A couple of years ago, right.

Q. Mexico?

PAT HURST: Mexico. It's been tough, just been busy. Kids, we moved. There has been a lot of things on my mind. It's golf. I think if I just keep pushing through it, I'll be okay.

Q. Is it hard? Are there other women out here that are mothers and wives, is that lifestyle stuff?

PAT HURST: Being a wife is tough. Being a mom, no. (Laughter.) No, it's not tough. The demand on your time is a little bit different. With us moving, and we were rebuilding a house. You know that took a lot out. I was on the LPGA board.

That was a lot of work. It was well worth it. But a lot of little things took up a lot of my time, and I just didn't have much time to focus on golf. This year, and maybe a couple of more years, I want to focus on my golf and see where I go.

Q. Are you back now to getting back on the course and playing golf?

PAT HURST: I'm practicing lot more. I don't know if I'm back or not. With golf it's tough. These girls out here, they're good. You can't slack at all anymore. Who knows if I'm back. I'm playing good. I'm hitting go the ball well. And if I could get some putts falling and getting some confidence back, I'll feel good about my game.

Q. I guess a long time ago, the first 2 trips to Q-School, there is a story not getting through, you quit golf and went to work at a retail shop. At a time was that a permanent position or, no, I'm just getting a break?

PAT HURST: You mean a permanent decision not to play golf?

Q. Yes.

PAT HURST: You know, I didn't know. At that time I was 20, 21. I didn't know what I wanted to do. I knew at that time I didn't want to play golf. I was burnt out.

When I had told my mom that I didn't want to play golf anymore, I told her it could be like usual three days, or it could be, you know, for the rest of my life that I didn't want to touch a golf club.

I didn't know when I was going to come back and play the game. I'm glad I'm back. I'm glad I'm playing the game. I enjoy it a lot more now. I have a lot of fun with it now.

Q. Now, is there a secret to your longevity? Like you said you had peaks and valleys, but you are still out here?

PAT HURST: I go out now more than anything, and I enjoy the game. I love to play. Practicing is a little bit tougher. I wouldn't say I love to practice. I do love to play. I love to go to the different cities and play the golf courses, and I love the competition. The competition you can't get anywhere else but out here. That's why I think I love coming out and playing.

Q. Pat, early in the round you started hitting the ball, making the putts, getting birdies, is that when you started maybe thinking okay I've got a shot; I could make a charge here and make some noise and maybe lead this thing?

PAT HURST: I'm not thinking about leading this golf tournament. I'm just think about playing some good golf and making some putts. I feel like I've been putting a lot of pressure on myself trying to play well. It's hard with our schedule. We don't have that many tournaments. It feels like you have to perform right out of the gates. It's really hard.

I've been talking to my caddy, and I have been talking to some friends and some family. We're talking about my game. Like I said, I feel like I've been hitting the ball really well. The bottom line is not making any putts. Putting a lot of pressure on yourself trying to do that, makes it that much harder. It's almost like you are trying too hard. You want to try, but you don't want to try too hard.

There is a happy medium there. Hopefully we found it. I have my caddy lining me up now. I know that's a pet peeve for a lot of people out here.

But, you know what, if it's going to help my game, I'm going to do it. If it's going to give me confidence, I'm doing it. And that's what I'm going to be doing out there.

Q. Do you recall how many you made today longer than 10 or 12 feet? It looked like every time I looked up on TV there was another bomb going in.

PAT HURST: Yes, it was nice, wasn't it? For me it was really nice. I could recall 2 long putts that I made. I made one on 8, and I made one on 16. I think it was. I made pretty good putts. On 16, which was my 7th hole, I said that was the longest putt I've made all year. And I made another putt on 8, my 17th hole. So that was nice to make two in one round, and I hopefully could feed on that.

Q. You said it's a pet peeve, people aren't happy with your caddy, can you talk about caddies lining up and why people don't like that?

PAT HURST: Well, I don't know. You got to talk to people that don't like it, why it's their pet peeve. It's not in the rules of golf. If it gives me confidence, and gives me, I wouldn't say it gives me an advantage because everyone can do it, then why not? I don't think it slows my game down. I think it helps me out a little bit.

If I am going to hit a better shot, if I'm going to make a better putt, it's only going to help, speed up play.

Q. I know you have been playing a little bit longer than some of the people on the Tour now. How important is experience coming into a Major? How has your approach to the tournaments change since your first time playing in a Major?

PAT HURST: I think a Major is a Major. I wouldn't say they've changed, you know. Coming out and playing, I want to say Solheim has probably helped me out with a lot of this going out and playing and not -- you get nervous, but you don't get as nervous as you used to. You kind of get the butterflies now.

The longer you've been out, you just go out and play and not get as nervous as you used to.

I remember my rookie year being as nervous as they come. I really couldn't look at anybody, couldn't say anything because I was so nervous.

I think I'm more comfortable out here and like I said, I'm going out to play, and I love it and I love the competition. I've played long enough to know that I've hit really good shots. And I've hit really bad shots and it's just golf. You take the good with the bad or the bad with the good, whichever way you want to do it. And just go to the next shot and hit it.

Q. At what time in a career do you move from being young and hungry to the crafty veteran or the old war horse?

PAT HURST: What was that again?

Q. At what point in a career do you move from being young and hungry to the crafty veteran?

PAT HURST: I don't know. When people start calling you veteran is when you feel like a veteran. But when the girls are 20 years younger than you, you definitely feel like a veteran. And you've been out here for 17 years, you feel like a veteran. It's hard to say when you moved over that little hump on becoming a veteran. I think, Paula, who is 23, 24, she is almost a veteran to me because she has been out there. The more experience you get, the more you become a veteran.

Q. Pat, how long was the putt on No. 8? It looked like you were walking at it in disgust before it hit the back of the hole.

PAT HURST: I don't think I was walking, I was hoping it would hit the hole. I don't know how long it was, probably 40 feet.

Q. Are you excited to be in this position again now?

PAT HURST: Am I excited? Well the day is not over. There is two more rounds. I would be really excited if it were Sunday and I am sitting here.

Q. It looked like at the worst you'll be in the mix?

PAT HURST: I'm excited. I've gained a little bit of confidence out there. I putted really well. It wasn't just today. It was yesterday also. I would have to say it was also my second round at State Farm I putted really well. Even though I missed the cut I putted well. It's coming around. I'm feeling good. I'm feeling a little more confidence in my putting.

Q. So for someone who has won six times to have not be in contention for a couple of years now, what's that like? You are used to winning, you are use to playing well, was it a couple of years not to be there?

PAT HURST: Yes, it's frustrating. It's frustrating. We are out here to win. That's the bottom line. We want to win. If you are not in that position it gets frustrating. Again, like I said, I think you put a lot of pressure on yourself. You try harder. I don't think that's the ticket, is to try harder. I think if you are a human being, you are going to try harder. But

you got to find that happy medium. It's tough to find that happy medium.

THE MODERATOR: Any other questions? Would you go over your card please?

THE MODERATOR: Her caddy has the feet.

PAT HURST: I was probably ten feet.

Q. Just the clubs in and the feet.

PAT HURST: You are asking for everything, and I just said I dont know my feet, how am I going to know my clubs.

I hit a wedge into No. 2. I was about ten feet.

No. 8, I hit a wedge to about 40 feet. A good wedge shot.

No. 11, I hit like a U-wedge probably to about seven feet.

No. 13, I want to say it was an 8-iron. I'm not sure on that one to about five feet.

15, I hit it just over the green with an 8-iron. And chipped it in. 16, I hit a little 9 to the left side of the green. I can't remember. That was that long one probably 35 feet, maybe.

17, I hit a 9-iron again to about six feet.

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

PAT HURST: Thank you.

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