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AN INTERVIEW WITH PETER LONARD

THE MODERATOR: Peter, thanks for joining us, a great round today, a third round of 65. Kenny Perry looks like he is trying to runaway with the Bank of America Colonial, but some players, including yourself, are doing your best to keep within pace with him. Start with some opening comments, a good day for you.

PETER LONARD: Yes, I thought I played pretty good. I thought I played pretty good yesterday as well. Probably quite as good scores as I could both days. There are probably a couple of chances that I missed today maybe. All in all, it's been pretty good golf.

THE MODERATOR: Questions?

Q. Can you talk about the heat a little bit, I mean, 97 degrees, heat index probably triple digits, how did that effect everything out there?

PETER LONARD: Actually, the course is playing pretty good. I think it's playing harder and faster in the past than it has this year. This year, the greens are pretty receptive. You can still hit some good shots in and they stop. As long as you are hitting them from the fairways, of course. It's hot, a long walk, I actually talked about the hottest days we've had playing in Australia but I think this rivals it.

Q. You mentioned Kenny is playing so well, do you hold on to hopes that you might be able to catch up to him tomorrow. Do you just sort of hope for second?

PETER LONARD: Well, it all just depends on the front 9. I've got to see if he's (inaudible, we'll have trouble catching him. I think he is seven or eight ahead right now. We just got to come out firing tomorrow, and if he falters a little bit, we get within three or four with nine to go, we'll see what happens. Basically someone has got to shoot a really low score, and it's got to be one of the Top-5 or 6 that are already there. So when you tee off, with someone catching him, you got to be under to win. (Inaudible.)

Q. Along those lines, can you talk a little bit about what you did today to make sure you were one of those handful of five that's got a shot tomorrow, what was working for you today?

PETER LONARD: I played pretty steady from probably the fifth onwards. I dropped a couple relatively easy bogeys on the second and fifth. But I made plenty of birdies. The bogeys sort of stunted really getting it going. But at the end of the day, once I went back to the same scores I was after five or six holes, I thought now if I can get into double figures, I will give myself a good chance tomorrow. I actually didn't plan on Kenny getting over 20.

Q. Do you find yourself thinking all during the day, man, I'm playing pretty good, how is he taking off like that?

PETER LONARD: Well I am. I didn't watch the last four or five holes. I figured he is 13, 14, maybe 15. I looked a minute ago and he was 17. I wasn't paying attention or I missed a hole. You can't really control what he is doing, obviously he is playing really good. He's played fantastic. I think he won a couple of years ago with the lowest score they ever had, so we got our work cut out for us and we will see what happens.

Q. Peter, along these lines, he seems to own this course a little bit, he just plays so well at this particular course. I know they always talk about golfers, that a course will meet the eye of a golfer, why is it, why do you think there is certain courses, are there some that you have played that you actually ruled when you were out there?

PETER LONARD: I don't think I ever ruled a golf course. I wish I had. Yes. (Inaudible.) Guys hit it right-to-left. Guys hit it left-to-right. Guys hit it high. Guys like rolling it on the ground. There is so many categories and so many ways you can do it now. You are going to get five or six courses where everything you look at is going to look right. And then there is going to be probably courses you hate, you don't want to go to. And the rest in the middle somewhere.

If you are a betting man on golf, which I realize I don't bet much out here, if you are playing in Australia, if you look through back the history books, all of the same guys pop-up each week per year.

Q. Correct me if I am wrong, I think I read that you switched from a belly putter to a shorter putter not too long ago?

PETER LONARD: Broomstick to a short putter.

Q. Talk about why you played and how your game changed.

PETER LONARD: I've used a short putter a couple of years before I came here. I went to the broomstick before I went to the TOUR school and got my card. And I putted pretty well with it for two or three years. And then I putted poorly. My caddy said I couldn't putt, so I might as well use the short one. I figured it was easier to throw out of bag when I missed the cut. That was the first week at Hilton Head which I won. When I'm good, I'm good. When I'm bad, I'm terrible. Since I've been back I missed the last 3 cuts. This week I felt pretty good with the putter again. It was good.

Q. Speaking of Harbor Town, is that something that you draw on tomorrow, that was a tournament to a lot of people that looked like it was decided into Sunday, and you grind it out and came back?

PETER LONARD: Not really. The fact that I won I suppose I can draw on. But the fact I shot 74 isn't something I can draw much out of it. This is obviously a different course. I think Harbor Town was notorious for people on the last day, particularly the back 9, shooting over par.

But I think this course is like that. It's the sort of course where if you get it going around here, you can really shoot a low score. It's something that we're going to have to do.

Q. Why do you think you have been so up and down this year, you've been very good and then missed cuts?

PETER LONARD: I don't know. Normally I'm consistent, I make a lot of cuts and finish about 20th. And this year I've been in contention three or four times and missed all of the other cuts. You can't blame it on maturity I suppose. I don't know. I think when I'm on, I'm trying just as hard as I did before. But it just didn't seem to be working that way. I think my ball striking has been good. I don't know which is a better way to play. I feel much more comfortable playing consistent every week.

(Scorecard.)

Q. Did you actually hit somebody on two?

PETER LONARD: No, I just missed him. There was only one bloke sitting in the stand.

Q. Does that ever shake you up when you hit people?

PETER LONARD: There is nothing worse than hitting someone. You are always walking down hoping you didn't, but usually you have a fair idea when you have. I only hit one lady, that was a long time ago, 13 years ago, '92, or '93. I hit a lady in the mouth with a 1-iron. That wasn't very nice. I didn't actually know that at the time. Somebody told me later on. It wasn't very good.

THE MODERATOR: Peter, thank you.