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Tournament quotes:

INTERVIEW OF PETER LONARD

(Interview by tape.)

Q. Peter, take us through the back 9, 7-under, right?

PETER LONARD: Yes, I don't know. I didn't play very well the front 9 obviously. I just sort of held it together and got up and down on 8 and 9. I tried to just finish even par. I would be pretty happy for the day the way I was playing. But I hit it close and everything felt all right and off we went; holed a couple of putts and everything just went my way. It was a tireless two nines, I suppose.

Q. You haven't played out here in a while, and now in contention going into the final two rounds, just how does it feel to be back out here and not just back out here?

PETER LONARD: Obviously, it's nice to be back out here. I didn't play at all last year. Obviously, I didn't think I was going to get a start here this week either. I was halfway to Columbus. I got a phone call, you're in, so I had to turn around and come back here. It was great to have the opportunity and it even better to play half well for the first 36. But obviously there is a lot more to go.

Q. You got a long day today, how do handle playing this many holes-in-one day?

PETER LONARD: Well, I'm pretty old, so I'm not sure. I will tell you by the end of the day I suppose. I think the weather wasn't anywhere near the way it's been the last couple of days this morning. This morning it was pretty nice. A little humid. But all in all pretty good. But as good as we are going to see this

week, I would have thought. And I'll just go inside, drink lots of water and hopefully my caddy can carry me down to play the last nine holes.

Q. You didn't tee off yesterday at all?

PETER LONARD: No, I didn't tee off. We had a couple of guys thinking we were going to but didn't quite get it across the pond.

Q. Now when you say you didn't play last year, did you play over in --

PETER LONARD: I played 5 pro-ams I think. I had trouble with my back and I stumbled through until I lost my card. Last year was either get a job or get it fixed and have one more go. So I decided I can get it fixed.

Q. You had surgery?

PETER LONARD: I had hip surgery, knees. I got a couple of people trying to help me out and get it all up and running. So far so good.

Q. Thank you.

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