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AN INTERVIEW WITH SE RI PAK

DANA GROSS-RHODE: Se Ri, this is Ohio and Highland Meadows golf course seems to be a place that you always do well, it plays well to your game.

You just fired an 8-under par 63, you said it's been a while since you went that low.

Are you feeling anything, I won't say magic, but any good vibrations from this course?

SE RI PAK: Always. Always. I feel great about this golf course. I ask why? I don't know for that.

But I always feel great and really comfortable. It seems like because I've won so many times, and having so much great memories about it, maybe that's why my game is a lot more solid on the golf course.

And I think I make a lot of great putts today. Lately I miss a lot of putts. I mean, I'm having kind of hard time with the putting, but other things will happen.

As I said, before I came here, I already feel good about it and as soon as I got here, I feel really great about it. I'm still very excited to play in event every year.

As I said, it's one of the best events all the time.

DANA GROSS-RHODE: Can we start off, it will take a little bit, go over your scorecard, one bogey, 9 birdies.

SE RI PAK: Yes, okay. Well, first hole, I start No. 10, basically first hole I hit a really good tee shot, but was to the left side of the rough. Not a great lie. I missed it. Missed the greens. Missed it short left. Really a lot of deep rough on the left. I never realize it, but it was. I miss the third shot about 25, 30 feet. I made 2-putt. That was my first bogey which is not a good start.

But then after that, every shot was really solid, driving, 9-iron about 12, 15 feet. Something like that.

Right after the next hole No. 12 I got driver, 9-iron and about 10 to 12 feet again.

No. 13, I hit a 3-wood wedge, 10, 12 feet again.

DANA GROSS-RHODE: How far out were with you the wedge?

THE CADDY: 124.

SE RI PAK: 18, I got a pretty good tee shot, pretty good second shot. About 87 yards. Then my loft wedge about 5, six feet, yes. Made birdie.

No. 2, I got my 7-iron and from 15 feet, 20 feet.

No. 3, I got 3-wood, 9-iron probably the same thing like 12 to 15 feet.

And then No. 6 I got 8-iron 12 feet again.

8, 8-iron and then about 25 feet, 25 to 30.

No. 9, I got 8, about 12 feet again.

DANA GROSS-RHODE: How far out were you?

SE RI PAK: 130 total into the wind. You get that much detail?

DANA GROSS-RHODE: Questions?

Q. You said yesterday that 15-under would probably win this thing, or it was a good guess. Do you want to amend that now with this good start?

SE RI PAK: I say yes. It still could be that way. As I said first leading, I just feel great, but there is still three rounds to go. And this golf course, you never know. Hopefully, having a great round today, the next three days. But, you know, it's not easy condition today. It's so windy. The wind change every second. It's not easy, but I had a really good day. The next three days I don't know what's going on with the weather. I think 15 is a pretty good number. I shoot 8-under today. You can go 2-under, you never know. This is pretty the lowest for the day basically. I mean it depends who goes really low the next couple of days but I thank God keeping it that way.

Q. Se Ri, in most sports the Hall of Fame means you're done?

SE RI PAK: What do you mean done? I'm starting yet, beginning. Well, I think just beginning. I mean I'm very grateful for 10 years.

Q. Just warming up?

SE RI PAK: Right, now just start it.

Q. You know also an old expression, it's hard to shoot a low round then follow it with another great round, do you believe that? Do the Tour players believe that?

SE RI PAK: Oh, yes, golf you never know. As I said you never guarantee it. Everybody expecting for example, like Tiger, Annika, whoever. You can see that, the people think it's easy they can win. The most chance like 80 percent, 90 percent people thinking top player is going to be -- choose one, probably both of them. You never know. I think the game of golf it's so silly. I call silly because I won this week, and next week I never know. It would happen. That's why it doesn't matter. I think most important was, as long as you are having fun out there, and be more consistent, but most people thinking trying to go really low, giving them a lot of pressure. That gives them a lot of trouble. But I said, later I found out, trying to have fun out there, I think that's the most great game I ever had.

Q. You have done this before, you have come out on this course first round, thrown a real low number up there and had people chasing you. You probably done it in every round on this course. But does that give you an advantage from this point on to put a number up and have people chasing you because you play so well here?

SE RI PAK: I think advantage before because I play well this golf course. But it's not 100% sure. I will be in top all four rounds. I mean lately the last three years, it's been all such a great talented players from all over the world. They are really great. They are young. They have strong minds, they're physically great. You see every year a little different winnings, especially they are all young kids, they come out from nowhere basically. That makes a lot of pressure sure.

But I said, today is the first round, I know I'm having a really, really great day, but there is still three days to go. I'm probably not going to think about too heavy, you know, a good good round the next three days. I will just play one shot at a time. And I have a great feeling about this golf course. Just make myself to have fun out there.

Q. There is another player with the same last name pretty high up on the leaderboard, there is 2 of them out there today?

SE RI PAK: Who is that?

DANA GROSS-RHODE: Jin Young Pak, she is one of the rookies.

Q. Do you know who her, do you know anything about her?

SE RI PAK: There are so many Korean players. I don't know much. I probably say hi to them, but I don't think we really have time to know each other.

Q. Any other questions for Se Ri? Thank you, great round.

SE RI PAK: Thank you.

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