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AN INTERVIEW WITH KENNY PERRY

THE MODERATOR: Past champion Kenny Perry. Thank you for joining us. Currently in the lead at 12-under par, which happens to be a Bank of America Colonial 36 hole record. Here we're on a roll this week, if we can open with some comments. A great day.

KENNY PERRY: I birdied the first two holes. It got me off to a good start, and relaxed me, and got me into a nice rhythm. And was able to turn that front 9 at 4-under. Made a nice birdie on that 9th hole, and I thought, man, this could be a special day. My goal was to shoot four on the back, and I was able to shoot three. So a nice smooth 63. I don't think you can get too many smooth ones, but that was a lot of fun. I played beautifully for two days.

Man, it was hot out there though. I was really melting. I couldn't drink enough fluids. And I started feeling a little goofy on 16, but I was able to make two birdies on 16 and 17, maybe I need to feel that way more often. I don't know. But the guys are going to have to watch it the greens are firming up. It's going to get hotter and hotter the next two days. I see a lot of changes in the golf course. So, I think we need to be aware of that. That is going to be interesting to see how the golf course changes in two more days.

THE MODERATOR: It looks like you will be paired with Ted Purdy who won last week at the Byron Nelson Championship.

Q I get to handle those young guys don't I?

THE MODERATOR: What do you know about his game? And he is obviously on a roll as well.

PLAYER: I don't know Ted very well. I only watched him. I finished early on Sunday. So I got back to the room and watched him play his final round. And it looked like he has a beautiful golf swing, and good rhythm. Just liked his action. He looks like a real, just a nice kid. You know he looks very calm.

Don't know what he is feeling inside, but we'll find out tomorrow. I'll get more of feel of him tomorrow.

THE MODERATOR: Questions.

Q He says you are definitely the player to beat and he wanted play with you to see how you handled the situation.

In all modesty, given the way you are playing this week and have played here in the past, are you the player to beat?

KENNY PERRY: Shoot, I'm not going to say that. I'm not going to put the black cat on myself. If I play well, let me put it this way. If I'm playing the way I'm capable of playing they will have a hard time catching me. I have a lot of golf left, and there is 36 holes left and a lot can happen in 36 holes. I love this place and I love walking around this place. Seeing your name on that wall that fires me up, that pumps me up.

When I get up to the first tee, I'm wanting to get on there again. That is my goal. Get on that wall one more time.

Q Can you talk about your drives, and did you ever get tired of hearing "You da man" when you teed off?

KENNY PERRY: No, I didn't hear that a lot to tell you the truth. I kept hearing this guy doing that Aussie thing that Fosters commercial with Ogilve in my group. He had had one too many.

That aye, aye, aye thing. I don't know. I heard that. That was hilarious.

But, no, when you are playing well you never get tired of anybody rooting for you. And I think that is pretty cool.

Q You talked yesterday about the vision problems and, you know, how you are still trying to get adjusted to that. Let's talk about the comfort level of the course and how that helps you to get through, and having a record that goes through 36 holes with the problems you are having?

KENNY PERRY: Well, you know, I have played here. This is my 16th year playing the tournament. I know the greens. I don't have to see that well. I know the m. I know what is uphill and downhill, I know the breaks. I pretty much know where the pin placements are going to be. That's a very comforting thought. And my caddy is reading them. Andy is reading them great. And I'm paying attention to what he has to say. I have a little line on my golf ball and I will set that ball down and he will get in there and look at it, and I will say does that look like a left edge to you? If he reads a left edge, he says, yeah, the line is good. And I focus in on the line, and stroke the putt. I'm not paying attention to making it or missing it, I'm trying to hit the lines. My speed is really good right now and I was able to make a lot of putts.

Q What is your caddy's name, first of all?

KENNY PERRY: Andy Lano. He went to school with me at Western Kentucky. He caddied for me three years, and we won three times. And I went to Freddy Sanders and we won four times. And then Andy came back on last year, and then I won again with Andy, so I've had four wins with each caddy.

Q You were talking about how the course will play this weekend as it gets baked out. Will that be an advantageous for the front runner?

KENNY PERRY: I think it will be advantageous for the guys that are experienced and know what is going on and not get too aggressive.

There is a couple of shots that I played away from the flagstick and played more middle, and left myself a 15-footer across the cross instead of firing right at it instead of making a birdie, that pretty was cool.

Q Which holes are those that you are talking about?

KENNY PERRY: Well like 9. The pin back right. You really have to be careful on that hole.

Holes like 10 -- I didn't make birdie on them, but I made a nice birdie on 12, pin back left.

That is one if you shoot at it you will go every time. And the 7th hole, I did go over today I knew that pin back right. If I hit it pin high, which I did, I went over the green. There is only 5 or 6 paces past it, and I had a sand wedge in my hand. It was not like I was hitting an 8-iron, or 9-iron, or 7-iron. It took a big hop into the back trench. There is a lot of strategy out there and you have to pay attention.

Q You talked yesterday about how your rhythm with your swing felt a lot like 2003. That didn't change today shooting a 63.

Kenny Perry: Everything is great I'm looking forward to tomorrow. I just hope, you know, I get ready tonight. I need to eat good food. It's important that I'm physically ready to get out in that heat tomorrow and compete. I think that will hurt some fellows if they are not ready for it.

Q Do you feel like this is a role being 12-under. Is this in your mind the way you are supposed to play around here?

Kenny Perry: You know, things just have gone my way.

I mean, I understand how to play here. It doesn't necessarily mean I'm going to shoot good scores. I feel relaxed and comfortable when I play here. I understand how to set up each hole. I stick to what I play. I always hit an iron off the 5th hole. Today I hit a 2-iron and 7-iron. Like the 9th hole, I hit a 2-iron. The 7th hole is usually a 2-iron, but I hit a driver. I took advantage of a tight hole, but yet, I went after it a little bit. Some holes I play I'm comfortable hitting aggressive shots at.

They set up good. You know, I just feel good on the tee box. I don't feel like I'm going to hit a wayward shot. So I'm going to go get'em.

THE MODERATOR: Kenny if we can touch on your birdies.

(Scorecard)

THE MODERATOR: Anything else?

Q (Inaudible)?

Kenny Perry: I did. Yeah, I'm doing it up this week. I'm doing it all.

Q Just a review for my son who is dying to hear.

KENNY PERRY: There was a lot in that movie.

I guess I'm getting too old for them. I don't know. That one didn't excite me like the other ones did for whatever reason. I don't know, maybe it was Steve Jones throwing popcorn at me hitting me in the head. That kept distracting me. But you know what it's an entertaining movie.

There is a lot happening in that movie. It's the kind of movie you need to see two or three times.

You can miss a lot of stuff in that movie.

Q A lot of players there?

Kenny Perry: A lot of families, and a lot of players.

I'm guessing 75 people at least. They rented the whole theater out just for us.

It was pretty full. It was a big theater.

Q Okay, Kenny. Good luck this weekend.

KENNY PERRY: Thank you all.