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Eagle's Landing Country Club  
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Pre-Round Quotes**

**AN INTERVIEW WITH MORGAN PRESSEL**

**THE MODERATOR:** Thanks for coming in, Morgan. This is going to be your fifth tournament of the year. Your professional debut in Atlanta, but you've been here once last year. So if you kind of want to go over what it's like to be here again for a second time, and also with everything coming up, and your award, the Nancy Lopez Award coming up later this week.

**MORGAN PRESSEL:** It's nice to come back to a venue that I know and a course that I have played before. You just feel a little bit better about the week. I played, you know, decently here last year and I feel that I have improved a little bit, so maybe I can play a little better. The Nancy Lopez Award is a real honor. I think Thursday night is going to be great night for the banquet. And, you know, to win an award that is associated with Nancy Lopez, who is such a great champion, and a great person, and a good friend of mine is really -a treat for me.

**THE MODERATOR:** Okay. Questions?

**Q** What is the reality of the LPGA tour compared to what you expected coming?

**MORGAN PRESSEL:** What is the reality compared to what I expected?

**Q** Yeah.

**MORGAN PRESSEL:** Well, to tell you the truth it's just about what had I expected because I had played 7 events last year, kind of got the feel of what it would be like. And, I have played tournaments in a row, traveled to many different places. So it was about what I expected. I mean I had gotten a little bit of a preview last year, so.

**Q** Morgan, does it seem like -- I mean you were 12 years old when you competed at the U.S. Open. Does it seem like another lifetime ago that that happened because so much has gone on since then. Some people remember you as a 12-year-old, but you really have come a long way since then. Does it seem like forever since that happened?

**MORGAN PRESSEL:** It does seem like a long time ago because I have changed so much, and it was almost a third of my life ago technically. So, I mean, it was a long time ago, but it was interesting because somebody just mailed us an article from the 'Detroit Free Press' from back when I just qualified. And it was funny reading it, and we have talked about it quite a bit for some reason this week with people. But, you know, it was a great experience for me, and showed me what I really wanted to do, it was just play professional golf. And from there I gained some experience and just continued to really want to work hard and play well.

**Q** Just talk about the challenges of balancing going to school and still playing on the tour. Just talk about when you do play what the typical week is like for you.

**MORGAN PRESSEL:** Well, in the past few weeks when I have played, I have really been bad about my school. And, you know, I have been trying to cram in all of my school work when I get home for two weeks, and that has just been totally overwhelming. So this week and the next couple of weeks, I'm going to have to try to do more so I don't have to cram everything in before graduation. But, you know, I have a lot to do. And it's like my teachers decide to give the second semester seniors more work than they have had all four years combined. They know we don't like to do work. So they give us that extra bit. But, you know, I have been trying to work pretty hard in school. And, I mean, it's fun when I go back, but I still love being out here, so.

Morgan, on the Men's Tour there has seemed to be over the last few years a growing sort of trend if Tiger doesn't play in a tournament, the tournament is not an upper echelon event. And this is not a knock against you and Paula and everybody, all of the young players on tour and Annika as well, but is there a sense in your eyes that in the media sort of spotlight if Michelle is not playing in a tournament that it doesn't reach that hype status? Is that a concern?

**MORGAN PRESSEL:** No. I think that is very true. And I think that is why when she doesn't play, it hurts the event so much. Even Annika, when Annika doesn't play, it hurts these events. If Michelle was playing a full schedule, or a somewhat full schedule and was a member of the tour, that would help the tour so much. And that is part of the reason you know why the events that she plays everybody knows about. But then the events that she doesn't they are hardly covered basically.

**Q** With that said, would you like to see an exception made to allow her to play more events? Obviously the rules are the rules, but she is the marquee draw.

**MORGAN PRESSEL:** I would like to see her become a member of the tour, yes. I wouldn't advise giving extra sponsor's exceptions or anything like that. But I have said that for a long time. Her becoming a member of the tour would tremendously -- she has the ability to do for the Women's Tour what Tiger has done for the Men's Tour, and that would help all of us.

**Q** This is a question based on the future of women's golf and the LPGA. You're so zoned in on what you have to do to get ready. But you look at the bigger picture too as to maybe we're on the cusp of something really big, something special here?

**MORGAN PRESSEL:** Okay. You mean as the LPGA?

**Q Right.**

**MORGAN PRESSEL:** Well, I think it's been shown with the increased amount of publicity that the events have gotten, and the tour and, you know, when they talk about the LPGA first on Golf Central, things like that it's become a much more frequent happening. And I think that, you know, if everything falls into place properly, I think something really big can happen definitely.

**Q Going back a minute, what was it like to grow up basically in the public eye? And how hard was it to have a normal kind of teenage years?**

**MORGAN PRESSEL:** Well it wasn't really hard. I mean I knew that this was what I always wanted to do. I was in the public eye when I was 12, but then after that I fell downhill and I was kind of down in the bottom again. You know, I didn't really think about it like that, and I was focused on my golf. And, you know, what I had to do to get better, but I am still going to school and still trying to live a normal life.

**Q You are still able to have a normal kind of teenage life even though you are out here every week?**

**MORGAN PRESSEL:** Yeah. When I go home, while I'm still practicing and working hard, I'm trying to cram in tests and writing papers at the last minute. It's still the same.

**Q Morgan, being that you are one of "them" what is your definition of an "it girl"? Do you have one or know what one is?**

**MORGAN PRESSEL:** Wow, an "it girl". I haven't heard that one.

**Q The marketing tour has the "yes girls"?**

**MORGAN PRESSEL:** I understand. I guess it is somebody that is maybe interesting to the fans, fan friendly, somebody people can relate to as well as, you know, being a good player, and who can compete week in and week out. People who are attractive to the public, I guess that is what it would be, who are young, people have been calling the young generation has the ability to lift the tour.

**Q Can you talk about your grandfather's role, obviously it's been an important role how important he has been to your development and even your development as a person off the golf course as well?**

**MORGAN PRESSEL:** My grandfather has been my biggest supporter as far as I can remember. Starting me in golf and working with me every step of the way. He gave me a great opportunity to go to St. Andrew's School. And he was my closest companion, and we have such a great time together. He has helped me tremendously. Like you said, not just from the course, but off the course, and my character, and the way I conduct myself, so. So if you have any complaints talk to him.

**Q Morgan, just from a sponsorship point of view is it confusing at all to be playing in the Florida's Natural Charity Championship in Georgia?**

**MORGAN PRESSEL:** I thought about that when I got the e-mail. Florida Natural Championship in Georgia, but it's great sponsor for the event. And the little orange juice boxes, orange juice cartons as tee markers are kind of cute, and I think it's a great partnership for the LPGA.

**Q** For the general public to hear that, you said you were surprised when you first saw that, it is a little confusing when you hear it, is it?

**MORGAN PRESSEL:** Some people might be like, wait that is in Georgia. But it's not just a Florida company that's why.

**Q** Just getting back to kind of balancing school and golf, did you get any advice from like, say, Paula Creamer who did the same thing last year on just how to go about it?

**MORGAN PRESSEL:** Well, I have known Paula for a while. She said to me, if you have any questions. We talked about things that happened on tour, and she said just ask me. We're friends and I'm sure that whether it's from a Paula or any of the older players who have done it for a very long time. I'm sure that I know a lot of people who I could ask for advice.

**Q** In your opinion why has there been such a traumatic surge in the young stars like there has been over the past few years?

**MORGAN PRESSEL:** That's a good question. I don't really know why. I think one of the reasons is that maybe some parents or children are becoming more focused on one sport maybe not playing quite as many. And, the younger players are getting very good training at very young ages and just are more focused at 12 or 13 or even younger than that.

**THE MODERATOR:** Anymore questions?

**Q** Can you talk about the Juli Inkster tie. How have you two become so close? You call her your "big sister", how did that whole thing start, and just talk about the relationship.

**MORGAN PRESSEL:** Well there is a program on tour where every rookie has a big sister. She was assigned as my big sister. And I have known her for a while, and we have been friendly, and she is great. She is a great role model, and as well as a great mother, and a great champion. And a great person to have as that person that I can ask for whatever I need. And she would be willing to help me for sure.

**Q** With all of the focus on the young generation, how cool was it that she won a couple of weeks ago there?

**MORGAN PRESSEL:** That was really exciting. I didn't get to watch it. But, you know, she was playing great all week. And I actually played a few holes in a practice round with her early in the week and could see that she was playing well. And, that was great for her. She hasn't won in a while. And that was certainly exciting. Especially after she called me a cash bag earlier in the week. I decided to call her that the next week.

**THE MODERATOR:** Thank you very much for coming in. Thank you Morgan. Thank you.