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AN INTERVIEW WITH TED PURDY

THE MODERATOR: Ted, thanks for joining us.

You started out with a great first two rounds, a 66 and 65 put you 3 behind Kenny Perry right now. A good position for the weekend. If we can start with opening comments. Obviously you had a great stretch of golf the last two weeks.

TED PURDY: Yeah, my high round the last 2 weeks is 68, it's pretty good. I felt real comfortable hitting the ball on the fairway.

I was able to find most of the greens, and when I didn't I had a relatively easy chip.

I had one forced error on the second hole where I hit it in the middle of the fairway. I had 80 yards to the pin and hit my wedge in the lip of the bunker, which was kind of an unforced error. Other than that I have been playing beautifully.

THE MODERATOR: If you could talk about the conditions. A lot of players have commented on the hot weather, humidity. Obviously it didn't affect your play too much.

TED PURDY: Well I played most of my career in Asia. And this is a mild day in Asia. So, yeah, when it was hot and sticky I got excited. I knew my muscles would be loose, and I didn't have to warm up too much. Yeah, I was looking forward it.

THE MODERATOR: Great. We'll go into questions.

Q (Inaudible)?

TED PURDY: Yeah.

Q (Inaudible) momentum over to this week?

TED PURDY: I'm using the same philosophy obviously that I was using last week.

I have the same kind of swing thoughts and same pre-round routine going. Yeah, I'm trying to do exactly what I did last week. And it's paying off.

Q When you are doing well, do you do anything like write down things that maybe you are thinking or feeling?

TED PURDY: Yeah.

Q So you can look back?

TED PURDY: Absolutely.

Q We seem to forget things day-to-day?

TED PURDY: Sure.

Q What are you doing to make sure you hold on to these thoughts and feelings?

TED PURDY: I do exactly what you said. I have a note pad that I jot down. I will put the date down and I will jot down the things that I was feeling at the time, and I just keep them in a folder in my backpack. So I can go back and reflect.

Q Just to follow up, how long have you been doing that and when did you get started?

TED PURDY: Oh shoot. I mean, since college probably. At some capacity. I do it more frequently now. But, yeah, we do. You know you get lazy you don't do it for a while. But, these special times when I am playing well, I make sure to jot down what those thoughts that I'm -- you know, the pre-shot and the things I'm doing well this week. I try to remember.

Q (Inaudible) where do you keep the notebook?

TED PURDY: I just keep it in my backpack. I just put them on the yellow pads of paper and keep it in my notebook in my backpack.

Q Any notes from the wife this week you are carrying around?

TED PURDY: Actually the two notes she left in last week we're getting framed.

But, no, we didn't get any notes this week.

I think the other notes are still holding. Still very powerful from home.

Q What will today's entries say when you jot down? I'm sure you will go down and jot down today?

TED PURDY: Yeah. For example, my putting routine. I'm not taking any practice strokes. I'm just visualizing the line, and when I get over the ball I'm just keeping my head down, I'm not looking up until the ball is four or five feet away from me or down in the hole.

So I will jot that down to remember when I was rolling it really well I wasn't taking any practice strokes. I was visualizing, really trying to visualize the line, and keep my head down.

Q As well as you are playing, Kenny Perry is showing he knows his way around the place. How tough is he going to be to keep up?

TED PURDY: I'm playing great, and he's beating me by three. He has won here before and has won here once this year before. He is such a long and straight, when he starts putting well he is hard to beat. You know he has probably won six or seven times the last three years. He is definitely going to be the one to beat. What was interesting though this week, different than most weeks, is that I have really been uncomfortable in the leader group the last couple of times I was in it. I was trying to avoid it. Out there today I was telling myself I want to get in that leader group with Kenny Perry. I think he is the guy to beat, and I want to know what he's doing. You know, so, hopefully I can have a good round tomorrow and get into that leader group for Sunday.

Q Along the same lines, are you interested to see how maybe he handles --

TED PURDY: Yeah. That is the other thing, I want to know how he handles it, and why is he beating me by three shots. I want to see that.

Q How much better of a player are you than a week ago? Just in your own mind. Having won and validated?

TED PURDY: I made a quantum leap last week, there is no question in my mind. Yeah, I just made a quantum leap.

You know I went from a 36th player last year and I honestly believe I can finish top 3 or 4 or 5 this year on the money list. In fact, I feel like I have made that kind of jump. It's because I'm rolling the ball so well, and because I have got a great routine going, and I have faith in what is going on. And I think it will hopefully carry over for the rest of the year. And right now I just feel great.

Q Do you allow yourself to think of a double and, you know, after Byron Nelson a tournament that is associated with it?

TED PURDY: Sure, you are going to think about it. But it doesn't do you any good to, you know, obsess over it. Kenny is a heck of a player, it's going to be difficult to win two in a row, and Triplett and is right there and all of the other great players.

Q Ted, if we can touch on your scorecard, and we'll take one or two final questions. (Scorecard)

Q Anything else? Okay, Ted, thanks.

TED PURDY: Thanks.