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FIRST-ROUND INTERVIEWS

AN INTERVIEW WITH TED PURDY

THE MODERATOR: We welcome Ted Purdy with a 6-under par 64 today. Another solid round for you, 12 of 14 fairways, 13 of 18 greens, 26 putts. Maybe just a couple of comments on how you played first.

TED PURDY: Yes, tee to green was hitting the fairways. The rough was deep. That's where I hit most of the fairways and was able to convert and birdie. Any time you birdie half the holes you are going to have a pretty good score.

Q. Where were you when the delay came?

TED PURDY: We were just putting out on the 4th green. We just finished 4. I got inspiration from Jordin Sparks, American Idol. Her father and I are good buddies and played together at Moon Valley Country Club. We are board members at the same club in Phoenix. I contributed to the 74 million votes last night.

Q. How many?

TED PURDY: It had to be 100 from me.

Q. Did you follow it all the way through then?

TED PURDY: Yes, I was following American Idol. It was getting more fun obviously towards the end because Jordin was so high up there. Her family is just a real positive family. I'm trying to bring that to my golf game. She inspired me today.

Q. She is a great kid?

TED PURDY: Yes she is a great kid. I don't know her, I know her dad real well.

Q. Did you hear from her dad?

TED PURDY: I don't want to bother him because I'm sure he is getting inundated with calls and things. Hopefully he reads the paper and sees I'm thinking of him.

Q. How is your singing?

TED PURDY: My singing? My 3-year-old thinks really bad. He covers his ears every time I sing in the shower.

Q. I was going to ask you some about the golf course. Did it play any different than last year say with the wet fairways and the rough?

TED PURDY: It's playing more difficult, I think this year because of the rough and because of all of the water you guys had in Ft. Worth. The rough is pretty severe. I think you are going to see a big spread from the guys hitting the fairway and guys that are not. I played with Brad Faxon, I shot 6-under and he shot seven or eight over. Brad was in the rough all day, and I was in the fairway all day. The greens are absolutely perfect. They are receptive to shots there. The course is playing great.

Q. Is this the kind of course you enjoy playing?

TED PURDY: Yes.

Q. Tree line shot maker course?

TED PURDY: Yes, I wish they would make more courses like this one. What I like about these old style courses are doglegs. I mean that's what makes Augusta National so great are these big trees and pretty much every hole is you have to work a shot around, the way the shape of the hole is. Modern courses they seem to be cutting the trees down. You have a lot of carries, but you don't have a lot of shaping. I think that's what makes Augusta National so great. Quail Hollow comes to mind in Charlotte that we play. If this course had a little more length, I think it would be a U.S. Open style course just like the ones, all the great ones.

Q. You kind of joked about drawing inspiration this week. But actually your results of late have been really strong. I wonder what your key to that has been.

TED PURDY: I started off well this year and then I started working with Mark Winkley, a golf instructor from -- he is in Chicago right now. And Mark, it was really difficult, I went through some changes and they weren't taking effect. I think it was at Wachovia where I finally said, you know, take a lesson out, and let's trust what I've been working on, and the results have been much better of late. I was in contention at Wachovia for most of the tournament. The Players, I had a good shot at The Players, maybe not catch Phil, but I played well there. And obviously, it's carried over to this week. The ball is ending up in the fairway and I'm hitting more greens. So that's pretty much the work I've been doing with Mark Winkley. I've been able to take the test out and relax and trust it.

Q. Can you spell Winkley?

TED PURDY: W I N K L E Y.

Q. Ted, just a cursory look at your previous three trips here, you kind have been all over the map, do you feel like now you've sort of gotten your sealegs here at this place?

TED PURDY: Well, unfortunately my career is all over the map. I don't think it has anything to do with it. Yes, I came here one year, after winning Byron Nelson, and tried to chase down Kenny Perry, but he kept making birdies and lost the race there. It should be a great -- it's a great golf course if you are hitting the fairways and shaping the ball off the tee as well. I'm doing that right now. The years I wasn't doing it very well, I was chipping out from under trees and having a difficult time. It's really a great golf course.

Q. On (inaudible) dot.com, you are selling your house, is that your house you are selling?

TED PURDY: Am I? It's news to me. My brother runs that site. It's a great house. My brother runs that site for me. I don't pay him, he got a little free advertising out of it.

Q. As long as he doesn't sell your house?

TED PURDY: As long as he doesn't sell my house I'm okay with whatever he does.

Q. Ted, can you talk about the importance of the experience in playing this course. Anthony Kim shoots 63, and Quinney shoots 65, and I know your first time you didn't make the cut. How important is your experience coming back year after year?

TED PURDY: I think the experience, this is my fifth year on TOUR, and it's just huge. That's why it's tough for guys to get five years. Once they get to five years it seems like they maintain their cards for a long time. You know, you know where to stay, you know where to eat. You know where to -- just the hole -- you know where the park is for the kids. You know where just coming back to the same area, the same course is a big advantage. And more so off the course than on the course. Like Jeff Quinney and Kim, and these young guys, they are experiencing everything new for the first time. They don't have kids and wives. They can make mistakes and not get yelled at.

Q. Like you said, it's hard to complain about a day where you birdie half the holes. But on 1 and 2, I was out there, and you had a couple of opportunities there. You didn't get much of a crowd reaction after walking up to one after hitting that rescue shot.

TED PURDY: Yes, I hit a great shot, about a fifteen-footer for eagle on one. The crowds are warming up. It's early in the week. Yes, you know, I had to get the crowd more into it I think. I had some opportunities but obviously converted on quite a few.

Q. I want to ask you about No. 5, did that play easy? There seems like there was quite a few birdies on 5?

TED PURDY: What is helping it is left-to-right wind. The left-to-right wind let's you just throw a 3-wood up in the air and then the wind will drift into the fairway. You don't really have to shape the shot. You kind of have to get it started on the left hand side and the wind is going to put it in the fairway. I'm surprised there is a lot of birdies there.

Q. Several of the leaders.

TED PURDY: Oh, several of the leaders birdied it, yes. That's why we are leading, that's right.
