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First-round Interviews

AN INTERVIEW WITH JEFF QUINNEY

THE MODERATOR: We welcome Jeff Quinney. Jeff, a bogey-free 5-under-par 65 today. Jeff, 17 of 18 greens, maybe just talk about your play and we'll let these guys ask you some questions.

JEFF QUINNEY: Yes, I just tried to control my ball out there. I hit a lot of fairways and most of the greens. If I did miss a fairway, it's because I missed it by a yard or two and it was going through just on the dogleg. I felt at ease out there. I had a good group, Hunter Mahan and Nathan Green, both playing well, we just kind of just set up each other. It's just one of those days it was pretty easy. 5-under I'm really happy with.

Q. And were you aware of the delay?

JEFF QUINNEY: I was on 17th green. We hit our first shot, and just marked our balls and they blew the horns.

THE MODERATOR: Questions?

Q. Obviously, like you said, you fed off each other in that group. Talk about 16 though when you birdied, and you had a double bogey and then you took the lead.

JEFF QUINNEY: (Inaudible). He hit before me. (Inaudible.) I hit a great shot in there, below the hole, where I can be aggressive with that putt, it's such a tough green. And I shot left below the hole, so I had an uphill putt. Obviously he doubled and I bogeyed. We kind of flipped flopped there. But birdied the next hole, and got it right back. I had good looks on 17 and 18, especially on 18. I felt I left a couple out there, missed a couple of putts where I didn't really take advantage.

Q. What did you hit in 16?

JEFF QUINNEY: 7-iron.

Q. How were the conditions out there, were the scoring conditions excellent?

JEFF QUINNEY: It was breezy early. The first couple of holes, it was blowing pretty good. Then it kind of died down in the middle of the round where you can really be aggressive and shoot at some flags. I couldn't tell, from the get go, how firm the greens were, so you kind of be a little bit tentative. And then after you got a little confident that they were going to hold, then you can shoot at some flags.

Q. Have you played here before this week?

JEFF QUINNEY: No.

Q. This is not a course that people come here in for the first time and do well, can you talk about how you are able to shoot 65 your first time around here?

JEFF QUINNEY: My eye level. (Inaudible). I kind of like those old traditional treeline courses. I like the bent greens. And everything was kind of clicking. I had a lot of confidence coming off The Players Championship, I took last week off. I went home and got some good rest, playing well back there, and just kind of firing on all cylinders this week.

Q. Like you said, you got things going at Players, can you talk about your season, a terrific start, then you went through a lull there and got it back?

JEFF QUINNEY: Yes. (Inaudible.) Played this course a few times. I am obviously more comfortable. I'm comfortable on grasses, close to home. I got out some great momentum and confidence out there. I missed a couple cuts in a row. After that was Florida, and I didn't do really well. I got off to kind of a lull. I think that's the way every season is going to have, kind of ups and downs, and just kind of minimize the lows and was able to turn around at the Top-10 at Players, which kind of through me back, and gave me my confidence back.

Q. You talk about this course really fit your eye was it something you kind of picked up on from you first practice rounds here.

And secondarily, there is only two par-5s here, you didn't beat up either one for birdie. Just the significance of what you did elsewhere.

JEFF QUINNEY: Yes, the first hole was our first hole of the day. At 7:30 it plays pretty long, and I actually tested the fairway. The 11th hole is pretty much not reachable, I hit a great wedge in there and missed the putt.

As far as the course fitting my eye, even at the beginning of the year, a lot of the guys said that I would love this course. They said it would be great for my game, shoot my game I tend to agree with them. There is certain courses that you are excited to play and this is one of them..

Q. You say people have been telling you, how early did you hear that about the Colonial?

JEFF QUINNEY: One guy that plays here a lot was Mark Rupp (phonetic), I played with him in New Orleans the first few days, he said this course would really fit my game.

(Scorecard.)

Q. Just being here for the first time, with the expectations that you had about the course, was there anything that stood out to you, any particular hole or anything where it just amazed you that you really liked?

JEFF QUINNEY: I just like the F shape. You basically can't get out there and just bomb away. You got to think your way around. You have to pick the right club off the tee. It's not necessarily the longest guys that can go out and whack it. You have to have a lot of strategy and a lot of planning to do.

Q. Do you consider that the strength of your game? Do you like courses that make you strategize and pick different clubs and that kind of thing?

JEFF QUINNEY: Yes, I like those courses where you can kind of have choices. You can pick the conservative route. It's up to you. I consider course management one of my strengths.

Q. When you hear on TV about today's young players, you don't hear much talk about that. You kind of feel like you get lumped in when you hear the players are bombers, and they don't think their way around?

JEFF QUINNEY: Yes, I guess that's a stereotype you get into. You here J.J. homes, Bubba Watson and a lot of people know about. They got a lot of game too, even though they will bomb it, they are different thinking. It definitely takes a lot of strategy.

THE MODERATOR: Anything else? Jeff, thank you. Play well tomorrow.
