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Third-round quotes

## AN INTERVIEW WITH RACHEL HETHERINGTON

MIKE SCANLAN: Rachel, thanks for coming in. Not a bad day out there, a few bogeys though. If you would talk about how you played.

RACHEL HETHERINGTON: I played pretty solid. I obviously got off to a good start like I did yesterday. I birdied the first two holes yesterday, too, so that made me feel pretty good out there. I played pretty solid. It was a great group to be in. A lot of momentum from everybody really, and you just had to keep pushing for the birdie.

MIKE SCANLAN: Questions?

Q. You actually scored the best out of that 3-some, but you didn't gain a whole lot, nobody was giving much up much?

RACHEL HETHERINGTON: Yes, it's tough to gain much when everybody is playing well, and birdieing. You need to shoot an exceptional score. You need to shoot, like Karrie Webb today shooting 9-under. You are going to jump a lot of places shooting 9-under. That kind of score is going to do that in this golf course.

Q. Is it encouraging to see that Paula hasn't gotten away after that first round?

RACHEL HETHERINGTON: Yes. Encouraging? I think yes. It makes you feel like you still have a chance when she is not streaking away when she was 11-under after the first round, I guess.

Q. You played the hardest hole well over the first two days, how do you feel about starting on the hardest hole like that. You played it well, talk about that hole.

RACHEL HETHERINGTON: Yes, I got no complaints so far. It is a tough hole. Even though you're only hitting a fairway wood or hybrid off the tee, you've got to be fairly straight. And with the tree on the left, and tree on the right, if you miss the fairway, you are really behind the 8-ball. Then you got the false front as well and everything slopes back. Hitting the fairway off the tee is the premium is

what you want to do. And, of course, it's the first hole of the day. You haven't got any momentum set or anything like that. You don't really quite know.

Q. Do you hit a couple of hybrids for your last couple of shots on the practice tee before you walk over?

**RACHEL HETHERINGTON:** Actually, no, I don't. I don't know if that's good or bad. I have the same routine pretty much no matter where I play.

Q. Do you just kind of play as well as you can, and if you are playing well maybe checkout the scoreboard and see if you need to shove it into a higher gear?

**RACHEL HETHERINGTON:** Yes. You want to kind of focus on your own game, and when you are playing well you kind of feel like you got confidence and momentum to have a look at maybe push a bit more. When you got the confidence you can go for the tight pins.

We had a couple of back pins, pins cut to the edges of the greens. When you hit your goal well, and you got the confidence, you can go for those greens.

Q. Judging by the fact that you are just kind of within striking distance, was 13, as you look back, was that a make or break for you? The chip-in, if you don't make that, and maybe bogey the hole, you might be out of it?

**RACHEL HETHERINGTON:** There was never any danger of not holing that bunker shot, come on.

Q. How long was it?

**RACHEL HETHERINGTON:** I was in the bunker in front of the green. I kind of saw a nice flat spot on the fringe and wanted to land on there and run it down. That was probably 10 paces I guess. I wanted to fly the ball. But, yes, you know, it's easy to get disappointed on a hole like that when I had a wedge into the green, and I missed that shot. But I actually hit a really good shot and the pin was a perfect number for me. The wind just switched a little bit and knocked it back. So I can't walk away from that shot disappointed. I did the best that I could. I had a pretty good feel about the bunker shot. But it's certainly a bonus for it to go into the hole, yes.

**MIKE SCANLAN:** Thanks.

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