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Second-round leader quotes

AN INTERVIEW WITH RACHEL HETHERINGTON

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RACHEL HETHERINGTON: No. 4, I 3-putted from 30 feet for bogey.

No. 6, I hit a 6-iron to 15 feet. Made 1-putted for birdie.

No. 7, I 3-putted from 20 feet for bogey.

No. 8, I chipped from just off the green to about five feet and 1-putted for birdie.

11, I had a chip from short of the green and made the putt from six feet for birdie.

13, I hit a 7-iron to six feet for birdie.

14, I hit an 8-iron to five feet for a birdie. That was it.

DANA GROSS-RHODE: We have Rachel Hetherington in, a two-day total of 138, 6-under, you have to be happy with that so far.

RACHEL HETHERINGTON: Yes, I am very happy. I hit the ball really well this week. I putted really solid and it's just nice to kind of be on a familiar golf course and be playing well here. I enjoy it here, so it's really nice to have played well.

Q. A question about the length of the course, going through some stuff, they've only lengthened this course maybe 100 yards in the last 15 or so years, so I get all of the lush rough, the trees and the fast greens, but the way the game is played today, does this course, or could this course be played a little bit longer to give you maybe even maybe a sterner test rather than hitting wedges into every green, if you hit a good drive maybe test you a little bit more?

RACHEL HETHERINGTON: Well we're not hitting wedges into every green. Well, I think what makes a good golf course is a variety of shots. You know, we've got some long par-3s. We've got some short par-3s. We've got long par-4's, short par-4's. Par-5s, I guess are reachable. I guess, you know, I think it's got a good variety of shots. Sure, you can lengthen any golf course. But I think this golf course has a good variety of shots for us to play.

The way the roughs are, you got to hit the fairway. It puts a premium on the fairways here any way.

Q. The wind was down today?

RACHEL HETHERINGTON: Yes, there wasn't as much wind today, which was nice. But I mean I kind of enjoy the challenge when it's a little tougher, it kind of switches your brain on and makes you think a little more. Today was good. It's nice to tee off early when you got decent

conditions and kind of, yes, finish well. I'm just, you know, I'm happy with the way that I played. I feel like it's been a long time since I've played well, so I'm looking forward to the weekend.

Q. So you've played off the familiarity today, you've played well here before, and that maybe helped you a little bit?

RACHEL HETHERINGTON: Well, I mean I don't know that it helped me. You still got to hit the golf shots. I think it's been a long time since I've hit the kind of golf shots that I have the last couple of days. So it was just nice. It was a really nice feeling to be playing well in an atmosphere like this. Rochester is a great crowd. It's a great city for us to be here and to have the champion's day Tuesday.

We had a lovely ceremony Tuesday evening with all of the past champions. It's such a great feeling to be here and to play well on top of that. It's just really enjoyable.

DANA GROSS-RHODE: Can you draw since the last time you won here, can you draw on that experience? Was there anything similar right now that you have.

RACHEL HETHERINGTON: It kind of feels like it was a long time ago the way I've been playing. But I mean the things that I remember, the hospitality of the crowd, and how great they were. I mean even today people were clapping us onto the greens. It's such a treat to be able to play well in front of such a great crowd. You know, it's so much enthusiasm. The community just has great enthusiasm for the event. It just makes it so much more enjoyable for us.

I remember that from when I won in 2003.

DANA GROSS-RHODE: Any other questions?

Q. With your past experience here, and the fact that you're playing well, do you feel like you have a little added confidence right now in your game on this course?

RACHEL HETHERINGTON: To me I don't have added confidence right now. I'm happy with the way that I played. But, you know, I've had to work really hard to get back to playing as well as I have the last couple of days. So I feel like I still got a lot of work to do. I've got to continue to keep on working on what I'm working on. You know, to have a good weekend.

DANA GROSS-RHODE: Thank you very much for coming in, Rachel.

RACHEL HETHERINGTON: Thanks.

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