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First-round interviews

AN INTERVIEW WITH REILLEY RANKIN

DANA GROSS-RHODE: We've got Reilley Rankin obviously in the tent right now at 5-under with 66.

We're going to go over her scorecard and then first, then I'm going to hand you guys the mic. Please make sure you ask the questions into the microphone.

Hole number one. How far were you?

REILLEY RANKIN: I hit 4-iron off the tee, and I had 165 to the hole, and I hit 6-iron about 15 feet.

DANA GROSS-RHODE: 4.

REILLEY RANKIN: I hit 3-wood off the tee on four. I don't remember.

DANA GROSS-RHODE: 6.

REILLEY RANKIN: My first putt I hit it a little too hard and missed it.

DANA GROSS-RHODE: How far were you away?

REILLEY RANKIN: 30 feet. I remember 6. I hit 8-iron left of the hole about 35 feet and hit it passed the hole, and just missed it.

DANA GROSS-RHODE: 9, the eagle.

REILLEY RANKIN: I hit a 3-wood off the tee and 8-iron, and I switched clubs right before I hit.

DANA GROSS-RHODE: How far out?

REILLEY RANKIN: 144.

Q. What did you have first?

REILLEY RANKIN: I had a 7. I was going to grip down on it. My caddy called that one.

DANA GROSS-RHODE: 13.

REILLEY RANKIN: Actually I hit 3-wood off the tee, and I didn't hit it very well. I hit 5-iron in, about 15 feet above the hole and I made it.

DANA GROSS-RHODE: 17.

REILLEY RANKIN: 17, I had 78 yards and hit lob wedge about 15 feet right of the hole.

DANA GROSS-RHODE: No. 4.

REILLEY RANKIN: I had 154. I hit 7-iron about 20 feet short.

DANA GROSS-RHODE: We'll take questions.

Q. After yesterday's rainstorm and being able to tee off later in the afternoon, how did the course play and what were the conditions like?

REILLEY RANKIN: I think they did a great job getting course ready. Amazingly, I think it drained very well. There is a lot of water in the creek, but it drains very well.

It's crazy. I can't believe. It's soft out there, but the way it drains is -- it's in great shape, too. The greens are still rolling well. They did a lot of hard work.

Q. Can you give us a little bit of your thoughts on United Airways, U.S. Airways rather? Seriously, you are going the third week now without your own clubs?

REILLEY RANKIN: Second. June 30th I flew to Providence to see my teacher who was here from Sweden, the Friday of the U.S. Open and my clubs didn't make it. So last week at the Match Play I played Nike -- I played with another set of irons. And then at the beginning of this week I got another set. Nike has been absolutely amazing beyond my expectations. They did cartwheels through Chicago last week to try to get me a set of clubs.

The PGA TOUR was in Chicago. It was fourth of July so everything was closed, all of the factories, shipping, and my family helped a lot too.

We had DHL send them same day service. And DHL was great, too because I don't have an account with them.

Q. You normally play Nike?

REILLEY RANKIN: At the beginning of this year I switched. And I can't say enough about Nike and the people that work for them.

And I need some of the U.S. Air people to go on a mission like the Nike people did. But they said they still don't know where my clubs are. And a club guy, Paul, who spent many hours in the club trailer the last two weeks.

Q. People who don't know better would think you are at Callaway player when they look at your bag?

REILLEY RANKIN: And my name is Jeff. Well Nike sent me a bag, too. I tried to put some stickers on it with my name. I didn't like how it looked blank. Then when it rained yesterday they came off and it didn't look very well or very good. The people I'm staying with, he took it this morning to get it embroidered, and I didn't get it back in time. It should be the least of my concern. But I think I'll be Jeff the rest of the week.

Q. Well, you're using, along with the Nike clubs, you are using somebody else's driver, somebody else's putter. Are you at all surprised to play that well considering or is that stuff all overrated?

REILLEY RANKIN: Well, I think it depends on your outlook and your attitude and your approach, probably in general to everything that you face. And I didn't give myself a chance to -- last week the clubs I had were a lot heavier than the ones I used to play with. But I really didn't give myself a chance to not like them.

And the clubs that are lost are my old clubs, I guess. I just tried to turn it all around and do a positive. I think it's all about attitude. But obviously clubs make a big difference.

Like I said, Nike and Paul, and to have what we have out here helps a lot.

My putter is probably -- I went out to Scotty Cameron to get fitted so that putter -- I had a backup but it wasn't the same. So I got a putter off the putting green this week. A Sizemore.

Q. Can you talk a little bit about the eagle on 9, what you saw it do and how you reacted and that?

REILLEY RANKIN: I just heard it. I hit the 8-iron very well, and I was right on line, and I just heard it hit the flag. And then you can't see, it's kind of a blind shot, and the gallery kind of went crazy. It was fun. But we still had 9 more holes to play.

DANA GROSS-RHODE: Any other questions for Reilley? Thank you.

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