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The Rail Golf Club
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First-round tournament quotes

AN INTERVIEW WITH NINA REIS

PAM WARNER: Nina, thanks for coming in and joining us. Currently tied for the lead 6-under 66. Do you want to talk about your round.

NINA REIS: Yes, I just had one goal going out today and it was to be aggressive with my putts, and that's really what I did. They went in. I have been playing good for four weeks in a row and haven't made anything. So today, they just rolled in and I feel great.

PAM WARNER: Great. Can we go over your scorecard?

NINA REIS: Yes, well, I birdied No. 3. I hit a 7-iron into the wind, and then I birdied No. 4.

PAM WARNER: How far would you say?

NINA REIS: Yes, birdie No. 4. I had like 45 yards to the pin for my third shot, and I hit a sand wedge maybe two yards or something. Yes. That's a par-5, right?

PAM WARNER: Yes.

NINA REIS: Yes, I did. I hit a pitching wedge from maybe 112 yards, I think it was. I choked down and I think it was almost about 3 yards or something.

PAM WARNER: Birdie on 10.

NINA REIS: Yes, that was like this happened.

PAM WARNER: What did you hit out there?

NINA REIS: 9-iron from the rough. So that was pretty good.

PAM WARNER: 15.

NINA REIS: I was in the rough for my second shot, so I had to drop for like the scoreboard, or whatever, then I had like a pitch shot, then I made a putt that was like 5

yards or something.

PAM WARNER: Birdie on 17.

NINA REIS: Yes, I hit a choked down 7-iron. And that was five or six yards, I guess. I don't do feet so I don't know really.

PAM WARNER: I'll convert it for you. Questions?

Q. Nina, you said you came in this to week, you wanted to be aggressive with your putts. I mean, are the greens, how are they rolling, are they kind of a little bit slow, do you have to be aggressive?

NINA REIS: Like, I think you have to be aggressive. They're not slow and they are rolling pretty true, I think. It's just the way I have been putting for the last few weeks. I had the line, but nothing really, so I just decided to go with it and see.

Q. You probably heard this course has traditions, a lot of low scoring. This is the first time you played here this year. What are your impressions of the course after maybe a practice round and playing today?

NINA REIS: Yes, I heard it was low scores the last couple of years. But I also heard that it was really dry and kind of short. But I think, we played a practice round in the Pro-Am, it played kind of long, so I didn't think the scores were going to be so low I guess. But the greens hold pretty good, so you can hit them all the way up which is good.

Q. I think your best finish was at the British you tied for 10?

NINA REIS: Yes.

Q. Are you just being, from Europe, was that just a comfortable environment over there? Playing in the women's British, did you just feel comfortable playing in that tournament?

NINA REIS: Yes, I think links course suits my game pretty good. I hit it pretty low. I'm good around the greens. I have an imagination. And my hole familiar was there, and my Swedish Coach was there, so it was a great week to do something good.

Q. Is this the best start you've gotten off this year as to a first round?

NINA REIS: Yes.

Q. I don't know exactly how old you are, but she's a hero for every one in Sweden, is she someone you look up to?

NINA REIS: Yes, definitely. I think she is the best golfer ever, I think. When she is playing, I think it's a little -- I grew up watching her. It would be great to play with her one day.

Q. Have you ever played with her?

NINA REIS: Never, no.

Q. Have you ever had a chance to talk to her?

NINA REIS: I've talked to her a little bit but not very much.

Q. (Inaudible)?

NINA REIS: It's very good, now I can go out tomorrow and be a little relaxed. Most of the tournaments I have been right at the cut line the first day, so this feels good.

Q. (Inaudible)?

NINA REIS: I want to play all of the events. I'm hoping to get into (Inaudible)? But I don't know, we'll see.

Q. (Inaudible)?

NINA REIS: Definitely, I do.

Q. (Inaudible)?

NINA REIS: I was around 8, and I just started playing with my parents a little bit, and I started tournaments when I was 12 maybe.

Q. (Inaudible)?

NINA REIS: Yes, very good.

Q. (Inaudible)?

NINA REIS: Thank you.
