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Third-round Interviews

AN INTERVIEW WITH MARK RUSSELL

THE MODERATOR: We welcome Mark Russell, our tournament director in. Mark, just tell us what the plan is for tomorrow if you don't mind. These guys will ask you a couple of quick questions.

MARK RUSSELL: We are going to try to be in position at 8 o'clock. We got the last group on 6 green. They might have finished 6. But they are on seventh tee. Hopefully, we can play golf. I think they got, they got about two and a half hours of golf left, and we can finish and turn them around and get them back out there as soon as possible. I think we can turn it around in probably about 30 minutes. I figure we can probably tee off at 11 until about one or so, and go from there.

Q. Are you going to keep them in the same groups?

MARK RUSSELL: No, we will repair.

Q. Mark, how much water has the course taken on this week and how much more can it take?

MARK RUSSELL: Well, I'm not sure how much it's taken on, but it is totally saturated. It can't take much more at all. I mean if we got anymore rain at all -- it's on the verge of unplayable in that last rain. The greens drain very, very well. We were lift, cleaning and placing the ball. I felt like we could play golf under the rules. But it was marginal though. And we all agreed that if it rained anymore at all, that we were going to suspend. But it was unbelievable how the greens handled it.

Q. Scott actually talked about his only drop was in the rough out of casual water, so he had to hit it out of water in the fairway, so obviously, what forecast and, you know, if we get considerable rain overnight?

MARK RUSSELL: If we get considerable rain overnight we are going to have some problems. The course drains very, very well. The bunkers are a problem here. The bunkers wash, take quite a bit of time to get those ready to go again. I hope that doesn't happen tonight. If we can get through tonight without getting some large amounts of rain, the course will hold up. But if we get what we got this morning, we are going to have a major problem tomorrow.

Q. Mark, you do whatever you can to get in 72, whether it's Monday or Tuesday, or whatever it is?

MARK RUSSELL: Regulations tell us we have to do that. Regulations are basically the players' rules, and they've mandated it. No matter what, they want to play 72 holes, conditions permitting. And that's what we are locked in and that's what we try to do.

Q. (Inaudible)?

MARK RUSSELL: We were playing golf Tuesday morning in Washington. It took us a day and a half to finish. If half the field completes the final round, the round must stand.

Q. I guess you heard earlier that today's round might have increased the chance of rain tomorrow. What is the forecast for tomorrow?

MARK RUSSELL: Well, there is an excellent chance of rain tomorrow. Just like today. I don't know if you all looked at the radar, the rain chance is 30 percent and we got 30 percent. I mean it didn't rain now, when I came from Dallas and 20 miles west of here it didn't rain. But we were in a little trailing situation, where it trailed up from the Gulf of Mexico, and if you looked all the way down from the Canadian border. We were very unlucky today. We were fortunate to play the golf we played today. I felt we were extremely fortunate to do what we did today.

Q. Mark, about how much rain have we gotten here?

MARK RUSSELL: You know, I really hadn't asked that question. I'm not sure. I don't want to tell you something that's not true, and the National Weather Service will say I'm crazy. I would say an inch and a half, 2 inches easy. I really don't know.

Q. You are guessing?

MARK RUSSELL: I'm just guessing, yes. The way it rained this morning, I mean that was (Inaudible).

Q. You had an inch and a half Thursday, Friday you are looking at maybe three or four inches on this golf course?

MARK RUSSELL: Yes, probably. Once again, I'm not really sure about that. But I any it's totally saturated.

Q. Mark, will you guys in the morning make the decision whether we will play any golf tomorrow? Does the overnight force your hand as far as what we do tomorrow?

MARK RUSSELL: Absolutely, absolutely. I hope we come in here at 8 o'clock -- Scott Evers and his staff is fantastic. Cody and Kyle, his 2 assistants, they have done a fantastic job here. It couldn't be better. Can do guys. You ask them, can you do? Yes, we can do that. Hopefully, we don't get a lot of rain overnight. We come in tomorrow, and we can play golf and finish this third round and get them back out there.

If we get a good day tomorrow we can finish with no problem. That's what we are looking to do.

THE MODERATOR: Thank you.

MARK RUSSELL: Thank you.
