

Chick-fil-A Charity Championship hosted by Nancy Lopez
Eagle's Landing Country Club
Stockbridge, Ga.
May 14, 2005
Third-round interviews

AN INTERVIEW WITH SILVIA CAVALLERI

Silvia Cavalleri, 74-70-65=209 (-7)

Scorecard: Hole 13, 515-yard par 5: birdie – chip to 13 feet

Hole 14, 349-yard par 4: birdie – wedge to 10 feet

Hole 17, 409-yard par 4: birdie – 5-iron to 17 feet

Hole 2, 495-yard par 5: birdie – chip to one foot

Hole 7, 306-yard par 4: birdie – wedge to five feet

Hole 8, 163-yard par 3: birdie – 8-iron, tap-in birdie

Hole 9, 385-yard par 4: birdie – 7-iron to 13 feet

Q. Your shot at eight went right by the cup?

SILVIA CAVALLERI: Oh, yes, I mean from where we were standing it was right in the hole because it just went behind the pin like that. I don't know if we could touch it or not, it was impossible not to go in, it was like that behind, right behind.

Q. Did you think it went it?

SILVIA CAVALLERI: For a moment, yes.

Q. How many aces have you had on Tour?

SILVIA CAVALLERI: On tour just one, last year.

Q. Annika has such a big lead --

SILVIA CAVALLERI: She is great. I played with her the first three rounds so I know how she is playing. She just doesn't make any mistakes. So it's going to be very, very tough. Obviously, finishing behind Annika would already be good. She is so far ahead.

Q. Do you feel like playing with her was in some way beneficial for you?

SILVIA CAVALLERI: In some kind of way, yes, I mean you learn a lot from the great players, so you try to pick up here and there. Even how to stay on the course. Obviously, they miss shots as well. They are not machines. But they know how to handle it and maybe even make a birdie when they miss shots. So it's very good to play with good players, yes.

Q. There was an article in the paper today about Annika and some rumours about performance enhancing drugs. Have you ever heard anything about that?

SILVIA CAVALLERI: Absolutely not. This is a surprise to me, no. Never ever.

Q. You have heard about her workout routines.

SILVIA CAVALLERI: Yes, I think it is just that. She is very focused on that. She is good.

Q. Is it fun to play with somebody who is so dominant?

SILVIA CAVALLERI: No, I think it's fun because as I said before, you can learn a lot. You can better your game as well. You have a chance to play with the best player in the world. I think it's nice. It's good. It just motivated you more to where you stand compared to them and what you need to work on.

Q. Annika did not win last week. Do you think that motivated her a little bit for this week?

SILVIA CAVALLERI: I think she's always motivated the same way. She wants to win tournaments. That's her goal. I don't know what happened to her last week. But she is human, she can play not great. That's all.

Q. So you would have to shoot 59 or something?

SILVIA CAVALLERI: Yes, I know, 59 would be great. But I think she still has nine holes to play. Her score is going to be even lower. She has already had pretty good shots. We'll see.

Q. Is it frustrating to know you are playing well, but she has such a big lead?

SILVIA CAVALLERI: Well, I shot 74 the first round. So I have to blame only myself. So she is really good, but we need to be better. That's all.

Q. Tiger dominated the PGA a couple of years ago and caused everyone else to elevate their game. Do you think the same thing is going on with Annika?

SILVIA CAVALLERI: Yes, early. Exactly. Oh, yes, that's for sure. I think the same as for Tiger, once we knew she was working out, it's the first time, even the girls starting work out. I think before Annika nobody had ever seen a gym on the lady's tour.

Q. Is this course easier to play this year under the current conditions?

SILVIA CAVALLERI: I wouldn't say so because the greens are very hard. Yesterday, they were very, very hard. So it's tough to putt the ball, to stop the ball. It depends on the way you putt it. I putted awful the first two days. Finally, I made some putts today, that's the difference.

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