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Pre-round tournament quotes

## AN INTERVIEW WITH STACY LEWIS

MIKE SCANLAN: Stacy, thanks for coming in. Congratulations on a great finish at The Open. You played well last week. Talk about being in Toledo where your parents are from and what it's like to be here at the Jamie Farr?

**STACY LEWIS:** Well, I'm just really excited to be back. It's kind of like coming home. My parents are from here. I was born here. So I'm just excited to be back.  
This is my first LPGA tournament I played in, so always coming back here will be special to me.

MIKE SCANLAN: Do you feel there is any added pressure on you to win this tournament and with that said, do you put any extra added pressure on yourself to win?

**STACY LEWIS:** There is a little bit of pressure because I really want to do well here. I learned last week at Arkansas that I can't put that much pressure on myself and I didn't play well because of it. This week I'm just going to go and play golf. It's just golf and I'm going to try and win this golf tournament.

Q. (Inaudible)?

**STACY LEWIS:** Yes, I mean I think I should have bigger crowds. I know my family will be out here supporting me. I know a lot more people know who I am. I think that's a good thing. It's good to have people know you and know your story and kind of where you come from.

Q. How long did you live in Toledo? How old were when you when you moved?

**STACY LEWIS:** I was 2, so I really didn't live here that long but my parents were both born and raised here.

Q. How much history do you know about the tournament and Jamie Farr, the host?

**STACY LEWIS:** I know quite a bit because when I was younger we would come back to visit the family, and we would always come back to this tournament to be able to watch. I remember when I was younger getting autographs from all of the players and things like that. It's just a special place for

me just because of being my first tournament that I played and also with family.

Q. Stacy, what do you enjoy the most about the tournament and even the golf course itself?

**STACY LEWIS:** I think this golf course really suits my game. You have to kind of shape shots off the tee, and you can't just hit a draw or you just can't hit a fade. It fits my game really well. I think if you can make some putts you can shoot pretty low.

Q. Do you have any recollection of some of people that you got autographs from?

**STACY LEWIS:** I remember one was Vicki Goetze because at the time I think I had a Clemson hat on, and I think her brother was at Clemson so she came over and gave me an autograph then.

Q. Did you follow any player in particular growing up?

**STACY LEWIS:** No, I didn't have aspirations of playing professionally. I wasn't even that serious about it at the time. No, I really didn't look up to any specific player.

Q. Where in your college career did it hit you maybe I can do this for a living?

**STACY LEWIS:** Probably in the last two years of college. I just wanted to play college golf coming out of high school and just see what I could do. I started to play pretty well. I don't know. It just wasn't like when I was 13 years old I was like I'm going to play on the LPGA Tour or anything like that. It was never really like that.

Q. What are you looking for, being on Tour full-time?

**STACY LEWIS:** I mean these last few weeks I got a pretty good feel of it. I've been playing a lot. This will be my third week in a row. You get to travel from tournament to tournament. You see the same people. I don't know, it's been really fun so far.

Q. What's been the most surprising and challenging thing that you faced in the short time you've been pro?

**STACY LEWIS:** Probably just more things you do off the golf course and balancing your time with pro-ams and doing these kind of things. The golf is kind of the same once you get out there playing. You have a lot more to do off the golf course.

Q. Have there been any intimidation factors, holy cow, there is Nancy Lopez or whoever?

**STACY LEWIS:** I played quite a few tournaments as an amateur. I think that kind of got that out of me. When I played here the first time I was so nervous I didn't know what I could do or what I couldn't do. I was just so nervous to be here. I couldn't really play golf. I got that nervousness out of me.

Q. (Inaudible)?

**STACY LEWIS:** That kind of kept me going the rest of year. I won Nationals after that, definitely some confidence. That helped me get into some tournaments as an amateur, some LPGA tournaments. I think I played six or seven tournaments as an amateur. It helped me being comfortable and help me be prepared for The Open and be prepared for being in the final group.

Q. Stacy, do you prepare any different for a specific tournament?

**STACY LEWIS:** No, I don't think so. It's really similar to what we played the last two weeks. You got some pretty high rough, and you have to be able to hit different kind of golf shots. The last two weeks has prepared us really well.

Q. You talk about learning something every week. Can you tell us what you learned the final round

of The Open. And you talk about trying to put too much pressure last week, what you learned from that?

**STACY LEWIS:** Yes, at the Open, the last day I really didn't feel like I played that poorly. I couldn't get the ball in the hole. I had a lot of putts go along the edge and things like that. But I think I learned that my game is ready and it stood up under pressure. I could hit the shots when I needed to. I didn't get the right bounces or get any putts to fall.

Last week was just insane. Last week was almost harder than The Open. There is so much media and so many people that wanted my attention I couldn't focus on golf like I would have wanted to. I guess that's always good to have more attention than less. So I definitely learned not to put so much pressure on myself. I just really want to play well last week, and I think I was trying too hard instead of letting things happen.

Q. Are you ready to win right away?

**STACY LEWIS:** Absolutely. I think my game is ready and I think I can win.

Q. Do you think college helped you prepare a little more than some of the people who are on the LPGA that didn't attend college?

**STACY LEWIS:** Yes. For me college was the right thing because I needed to get out there, and I needed to play and I needed to learn how to win. Especially my last year of college, I learned how to win different ways, like starting out quickly and carrying the lead, and I learned to come from behind and win. I think college was the right thing for me. I think some people skipping college is the right thing. It just kind of depends upon the person.

Q. What have you don't out of college besides the competitive part attending classes?

**STACY LEWIS:** It was kind of the thing coming out of high school, you are going to get your degree, it wasn't an option. But I love going to classes. You get some free time to be with your friends and just hang out and enjoy it, and I love the team aspect of college. You get to travel with your team. Out here, it's just you are done, you hop on an airplane, and you meet up with your caddy at the next place kind of thing. So you have more people to travel with. I love having a degree and having that to fall back on as well.

Q. What was your degree in?

**STACY LEWIS:** A double major in finances and accounting.

Q. Do you see yourself actually using that, when you start winning tournaments, or is that a fall back?

**STACY LEWIS:** Yes, it's a fall back. I know I wanted to do business. I red shirted a year, so I needed to add a major and that's how it worked out. It's definitely more of a fall back than anything.

Q. Did it help you when they handed you the check at The Open?

**STACY LEWIS:** Well, actually I just got the check in the mail a couple of days ago. No, I mean it's good because I know a lot about the finances and how to manage my money. I don't need a lot of help. I think I'm glad I know about it, to save for the future and things like that.

Q. What's it like on the course with a guy that taught you the game?

**STACY LEWIS:** It's so much fun. He knows my game so well. He knows how to handle me. He has been caddying for me the last couple of years. He has learned when he should say things and when he shouldn't and things like that.

Q. Can you give a rough estimate when you used to come out here during the summers, just a

guess?

**STACY LEWIS:** I was probably 9 or 10 probably.

Q. One time or several?

**STACY LEWIS:** No, we used to come back a lot in the summer. I moved to South Carolina, and we would drive up from South Carolina, and I visit the family and things like that. I moved to Texas when I was like 11. So it was a little too far to drive after that.

Q. Stacy, Michelle Wie is in the field. She has a lot on her plate. Can you imagine being in that situation, trying to do a full course load, trying to play on the LPGA?

**STACY LEWIS:** Yes, I have no idea how she does what she does. She has so much going on. I know when I was her age I wasn't ready for all of that. I was hardly competitive with golf, and she is having to do media and sponsors and all of that kind of thing. I couldn't imagine. I'm sure it's hard for her to focus on golf and get back to the basics.

Q. Stacy, (Inaudible)? When did your game take off?

**STACY LEWIS:** I had back surgery right when I graduated high school. So it was after I red shirted my first year, and when I came back. Three months after surgery I was allowed to only chip and putt. That got my short game better. And then that next year I just got a whole [new|knew] perspective on being able to play the game and enjoy it. I was able to play golf again. I was out there having fun and the success along with it.

Q. (Inaudible)?

**STACY LEWIS:** It did. You have something that you did every day and you love to do and it's taken away from you. All of a sudden at six months -- I didn't play a round of golf for nine months. You know just get a good perspective on being thankful on what you are able to do.

Q. Are there still things to this day that you have to deal with on a daily basis? (Inaudible)?

**STACY LEWIS:** For me I have to work out. I worked on getting my back stronger because the muscles like to tense up and pull in different directions. I have to go see a chiropractor sometimes because things tend to get out of place a little bit easier. But other than that, it's just stretching and staying loose. You know, when my back starts to hurt I need to listen to it and not keep going. Other than that, it's been really good.

Q. As you prepared to be a full-time pro? (Inaudible)?

**STACY LEWIS:** Yes, everybody has been really helpful. If you have any questions, just ask us. I know Audra Burkes pretty well, I can ask her anything. She will give me an honest answer to anything. Everybody is really welcoming. If I ever need anything, I know where I need to go.

**MIKE SCANLAN:** Stacy, thanks for coming in.

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