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Third-round Interview

AN INTERVIEW OF NANCY SCRANTON

THE MODERATOR: Thank you so much for coming in. A great round 8-under. Nicely done.

NANCY SCRANTON: Thank you.

THE MODERATOR: You moved way up the leaderboard. Two shots off the lead.

NANCY SCRANTON: It was great. I played pretty well the first day. And I just didn't make anything. And yesterday I made a couple more putts and I had a couple more chances. Today I started off and it was really good. I had a long putt for birdie on 14 and I left it about 10 feet short and made it. (inaudible) and I made that. And then I hit it, you know, about 3 feet on (inaudible). I mean how long has it been. And No. 12, I hit it 3 feet, if that, 2 feet.

THE MODERATOR: What did you hit, a wood?

NANCY SCRANTON: I hit a sand wedge. And then I hit a 5-iron to about 6 feet on the next hole, and I made that. And I hit a 5-iron on 16 to about 4 feet, and made that. 18, I hit my 11 club to about 18 feet, and made that. It was really nice (inaudible) today. And No. 10, I went to about 4 feet. And No. 4, I hit a driver, 3-wood to the front edge, so I was about 75 feet or something, but I was right on the fringe, so I 2-putted from there for birdie. (inaudible) No. 6, I hit an 8-iron to 3 feet. And on 15, I hit a really good 6-iron to 10 feet and it lipped out. And I had a 25-footer, an 8-iron, to about 25 feet maybe.

THE MODERATOR: Let's talk about your thoughts going into tomorrow. Right now you are two shots off the lead.

NANCY SCRANTON: Yeah. I would love to keep doing what I'm doing. It's not that great. I have kept it in the fairway most of the time because the rough is so thick, I really don't want to (inaudible) and not that long anymore. And so I will be probably working it a little bit today. Just working on my putting as much (inaudible) I don't have that much time anymore. But I think (inaudible) just some things like that. The last month or so I probably did as well (inaudible) not made anything but (inaudible)

THE MODERATOR: Questions?

Q Nancy it looks like (inaudible)

NANCY SCRANTON: It's tough out there, it was. I honestly, I picked some good clubs, and I did a good job of picking clubs today. It was kind of hard. And it's playing long and this golf course has never played this long. I have never hit so many long irons. And you know, it's fall and windy. It was really windy out there today. It's challenging I must say. I did a good job of that.

Q Your husband out there said that, you know, maybe you felt like maybe not a 63, but a really good round like this, you saw a sign?

NANCY SCRANTON: Right. Right. You know, I kept saying (inaudible) it's hard to complain when you shoot a 67 or 68. They were easy. Very, very easy. I'm not quite as sharp this week as I was last week. But I made a few more putts. At least today I did. Yesterday I had quite a few chances and then I made a good 15 or 20-footer probably on the last hole yesterday, which was really nice because I hadn't made anything. So, you know, sometimes it works that way. You are fitting it in there. And I had such a hard time I couldn't get the speed, and I couldn't see the read, and I looked at it, and I couldn't figure out which way it was going. And today I could see it. And some days it's just like that. And I felt really good with my speed today too.

Q No. 7, par 3, well it's been a triple out there today and a lot of bogeys, is it the pin placement or the wind?

NANCY SCRANTON: I don't think we have seen it (inaudible) it's healthy right-to-left. It's only got about 12 yards of green between the bunker and the front edge of the green and the back edge of the green on that side. So, the club selection is pretty good there. And the you know I hit a 6-iron which I think our carry was 160 to get to the green, it was between 155 and 160. I hit solid. That was the end of my round, and I was playing well and I actually carried it. You know, so I was lucky. I was playing good golf and made the play. I could see it causing problems. Oh, wait, I was on 7.

Q Right from the back I know we're old enough to remember.

NANCY SCRANTON: I think 16, today, I mean it was -- I was trying to aim 20 feet left of it and I think I aimed right at it and I hit it solid, but if I would have missed it it would have been (inaudible).

Q You have a contingent of 10 or 12 up from Marion County today?

NANCY SCRANTON: Yeah. I have a few still coming up. I have my partner and his wife came. And his brother-in-law lives here. (inaudible). And she moved with her dad and she and her son moved out. And my husband and I are staying there. They are really great. It's been great of her to do that and it's been really nice. Leo and Rhonda have been here every night. And Rhonda is great with the kids. She loves being around the kids. She reads the best so I can actually have dinner.

Q A few weeks ago in Portland (inaudible) are they in high school?

NANCY SCRANTON: Oh, yeah.

Q There was such a huge movement out there?

NANCY SCRANTON: That is the good thing about golf. When you get a little older. Certain golf courses. Portland is one of them. It's not that long. And I was really pleased with the way I played. I made a couple of bogeys coming in. I had a couple of shots that turned out I had a hard time. And I was really pleased with my performance there.

Q There is 18 more holes tomorrow. But I won't say what will it mean to win this tournament, to do well here? There was a tournament in St. Louis for a while?

NANCY SCRANTON: This has always been it. Years ago when I first started this was my first LPGA event. I played here when I was 18 as an amateur.

Q (Inaudible)?

NANCY SCRANTON: I was at Florida State for a year. I think it was 1980. I only had played golf for three or four years when I played here. It was just something else now to have been here. I missed one year because of my shoulder. I played every other year. So it's my 22nd time to play here.

Q This tournament is a situation where you are trying to get a new contract with the LPGA and everything. I know there are a lot of tournaments in that situation. This is a little transitional time for the tour. Not to put you on the spot here, but as a player, a veteran player -

NANCY SCRANTON: I mean you hired her to do a job, and it's her job to do that. And I'm of the belief that I trust her because I play golf, and she works the contract. I don't know enough about it. And, you know, I think it's fair to step up and have a lot of things she is talking about. And we hired her to do what she is doing. And I'm going to leave it at that and trust her judgment on how to do it.

Q As a player that has played her for a long time I'm sure you would like to see this tournament remain part of the tour?

NANCY SCRANTON: My friends sure would. What would we do. This is a tradition for us. I would hate to see it leave. I can't imagine, I really can't imagine not having the tournament here. So put it that way.

Q When you start to realize, I have got a hot round here going, maybe sometimes younger players that adrenaline really starts going?

NANCY SCRANTON: They have to kind of pull back. You know, you think that since I have been striking the ball quite well I thought it would be possible (inaudible) what happens is (inaudible) actually that happened to me in Portland on one shot, I hit it over the green and I didn't think I could and I made a bogey with a really good shot. And I think that helps. I kind of lost track during the round just thinking Mark was really good. We did a really good job today. That was nice.

Q That last putt on No. 9?

NANCY SCRANTON: I hit it a little left of where I wanted to. I had more of a tap in than I wanted. But, yeah, it was funny I only had 145 to the pin but it was playing up. We figured that it was probably playing 165 so I had a little fall line .

Q The first two were a little short?

NANCY SCRANTON: Yeah. And the first day we had 151 day and -- and I got a little stronger. A little stronger today and there is a (inaudible) if you hit a full shot with a 5-iron it's not going to carry halfway to the pin.

Q Thanks?

NANCY SCRANTON: You are welcome.

Q I was going to ask with the kids who are not quite 2 years old. Most tour moms say in terms of practice time you have to budget your time?

NANCY SCRANTON: Yes. The one thing I really regret now is don't regret but (inaudible), but I don't travel as much as I used to. And I don't workout. And the working out, I can feel it in my shoulder bothering me a little bit off and on, but you know, you just have to really work it, budgeting your time and getting the most out of your time that you do have. And having Mark's sister here helps she can pick them up at the daycare and she can do the laundry and run errands.

Q What is Mark's sister name?

NANCY SCRANTON: Jane. She was over earlier for a month and she came over again two weeks ago and she is staying through until the second week of October.

Q Wow!

NANCY SCRANTON: Yes.

THE MODERATOR: Anything else?

NANCY SCRANTON: Thank you.