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**Pre-tournament interviews**

### **Interview of Annika Sorenstam**

THE MODERATOR: Annika, thanks for coming and joining us today. The second time defending the tournament. Now at a new course do you want to talk about defending first?

ANNIKA SORENSTAM: Yeah. It's always great to come back to defend a tournament. In this particular case it's funny, because it's a different venue, but again the same sponsor and same people organizing the event. So I guess in a way I am defending. I'm happy to be here. This is quite a place. Today is the first time I saw the golf course. And the views are obviously spectacular. You know, it's great to be here. And I'm looking forward to start playing tomorrow.

THE MODERATOR: We'll open up for some questions.

Q (Inaudible).

ANNIKA SORENSTAM: Yeah, I mean it's so beautiful. I heard it was beautiful, but it's not until you come here and you really see what it's like and especially today. I mean the weather is perfect. It's clear, you can see everything. The course is a little sticky. I mean a lot of sloping fairways, very undulated greens. Not one of the longer courses we play, but it's got some trickiness to it anyway. You know, we get a front 9 with a lot of par 5's and a back 9 with a lot of par 3's. So it's a little different that way as well. I think we'll have time to stay focused on your game, and not look too much at the view. I think you can do fine here.

Q (Inaudible)?

ANNIKA SORENSTAM: Off of the tee, yeah. No, it's one of those courses where I think placement is more important. It's quite tricky, it's narrow in many places, and like I said the fairways are undulated, it's all about putting ball in a good shot for a good approach shot. I'm hitting some a few drives. Not that many, I didn't know really what to expect, especially on the back 9. I hit several 7 woods to put the ball in play.

Q (Inaudible)?

ANNIKA SORENSTAM: Wind? Oh, no. Today was a perfect day that you could get. Good for, you know, for scoring. And I mean somebody told me it can get really windy here. So, I guess I will find out how this course really plays. I mean today was just perfect.

Q (Inaudible)?

ANNIKA SORENSTAM: Well I live in Orlando, Florida so for me this is not so hot. Even though I'm a Swede I should be a Viking, I should really think this is hot. But I have gotten used to it. A little breeze would make us all feel a little better. But, I mean, you can't complain, it's sunny, it's beautiful.

Q You've talked about this a lot, but the younger players there's a lot of tension on them now. Do they inspire you in anyway, and does that help with you with motivation to see this new wave of players come up?

ANNIKA SORENSTAM: Well, I just think it's great to see the growth in women's golf is there, and you are seeing some new fresh blood on the LPGA. That is fantastic to be a part of. I have my own goals. I don't look at them and say, hey, I have to practice and do this and that. I'm set in what I have to do, and I know what I have to achieve in my career. I'm pretty much a self motivator, but I'm happy to be a part of the LPGA because it's so exciting, a lot of buzz, a lot of energy, and great players coming up.

Q There is all of the attention on the teenagers, in anyway does it make it easier on you because the attention is more spread out and it's not solely focused on you, like it has been so much in the past?

ANNIKA SORENSTAM: Well I think it's great that it's spread out a little bit. This is a tour where we have 144 players, a lot of talent out here, and a lot of great young women. It's good. I don't mind sharing.

Q The tour has kind of gained towards the end of the year, it's starting to wind down. I'm just wondering in terms of your goals how are you approaching the end of the season, and what do you want to accomplish?

ANNIKA SORENSTAM: Well, I mean I'd like to end the season the way I started. I played really well early on, and I'd like to finish that way. We have a few more months left. There is a lot at stake. We have the money list, the player of the year, and the trophy. All of those three things mean a lot to me. They are something I would like to achieve. I have quite a busy schedule the next few months. I am playing, I believe, in six events. And I will am going to head overseas twice. So, there is no rest for me. I really want to finish up the way I started.

THE MODERATOR: Any other questions? Are we all set? Thanks, Annika.

ANNIKA SORENSTAM: Thank you.