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Final round interviews

AN INTERVIEW WITH TIM HERRON

THE MODERATOR: We welcome the winner of the 2006 Bank of America Colonial, Tim Herron, that was a good after seven years.

TIM HERRON: Yes, big time. I wanted to go out and win this one. I was getting close for many years and, you know, I felt like if I just hang in there, but I think you really have to go out and get it. I tried hanging in there, a few of those holes like 16. I tried to play too conservative and hit it in the bunker. And now I have a 1-shot lead or whatever, and someone makes a birdie, and now I'm tied for the lead. It's never easy. You got to keep plugging along, and I made a lot of great putts and that's what you have to do to win. I had some good breaks too.

Q. It was a hard fought battle all the way, the 12-footer on No. 17 and a 9-footer on 18 for par, that had to be the key to the day?

TIM HERRON: Oh, yes it was the key, getting off to a good start was the key. I thought I was going to be kind of cruising. The wind picked up, and it was a difficult day. Rod and I were kind of (inaudible) each other a little bit. One would get a bad break. It seemed like the lead moved around quite a bit all day. But we knew, being here for 11 years, we knew anything could happen at Colonial.

Q. You played the front 9 13 -under, you played the back 9, 1-over, talk about the difference.

TIM HERRON: I did? Oh, man. Yes, they always talk about 3, 4 and 5. But I actually played those holes pretty well. I don't know. Probably when I struggled there was a few irons off the tee on 10 the last few days. And 17 a couple of days.

Usually, you know, I'm a pretty good 3-iron off the tee. I just think the fairways is as big as a green out there, I should be able to hit the green. But that was a little bit of a struggle.

So I played real aggressive off the tee. I hit a lot of drivers. It worked out well.

THE MODERATOR: Questions?

Q. Tim, you make a putt the second playoff hole and you put your head in your hands and you looked at the sky, can you kind of describe what's surging through your mind in the hole at that point?

TIM HERRON: I don't even know what's going through my mind right now.

(Laughter.)

No, actually, you know, all I said to myself, I go man, you practice these putts, just hit your stroke, hit your follow through, you know what I mean? Wherever the ball goes it goes. I just hit it. I didn't try to guide it. I hit it all upgrade, and it went right in the middle, and I couldn't believe it. It was my tournament, I felt, either Rod's or mine, we kind of let someone back in. I let it slip. But I hung in there, and that's probably why I kind of looked up, and I couldn't believe it. Because it's been seven years and a long time, and I just didn't know if it was going to come.

Q. Can you talk a little bit about fighting your putter. Today your putting came up so big for you so many times from the first two holes until the three holes down the stretch?

TIM HERRON: Well, last year I was one of the best putters on TOUR. You know, I had a couple of months off when we had our children in November. I just struggled with it a little bit. Then I went back to a few old things that I used to do. A buddy of mine helped me on the green. Of course, my coach has been helping me. He is a huge part of my career.

But I had a buddy actually tell me to address it on the heel and that's helps me hit in the sweet spot. All year I have been toe hitting it. I don't know why. I was frustrated, I had no idea, you know, how I get to where if I miss a putt I want it on the heel.

So I just started addressing on the heel, and the putter felt good last week and it started last week.

Q. I know you used a club a long time, exactly how long have you used it? Can you ever recall circumstances of ever having a better day putting?

TIM HERRON: Yes, I have. But I've been with the club about five years, I think. Today was a great day of putting. Well under the circumstances, probably not. My first win Honda, I putted lights out. I don't think I missed a putt. Just a great feeling really.

Q. Tim, down the stretch you were kind of fighting it on the tee shots going right, you were leaning, can you tell us what was happening there? In the playoff you just nailed it.

TIM HERRON: Well, you probably haven't seen me play that much. I lean on every shot, it doesn't matter if it goes straight or not. No one knows where it's going. They were going right, hey.

(Laughter) I could have just stuck underneath a little bit. I got to hit my position a little better, but I come out of my spine angle a little bit.

Every golfer, coming down stretch, doesn't want it to go left. I wish I would have committed a little more to those shots, but I guess I made it more fun for the viewers. We kept them tuned in at CBS.

Q. Talk about 18?

TIM HERRON: Well, I tried to stay in the shot and not guide it. Actually, 18, I drove it too close to the green. I had 72 yards to the hole. I hit my L-wedge about anywhere from 80 to 90 yards. So I was thinking I probably have an 80 or 90 yard shot, which would be a full L-wedge. I actually had to chip one in. From down below it looked decent, like it was going to skip up there maybe like ten feet. I think it hit in the rough, so it didn't quite get to the green.

Q. You seem to have a lot of banter with your caddy on the back 9 today, I wonder what you talked about, if anything, going up on slope to 17th hole in the playoff?

TIM HERRON: Well, I was just trying to make it up that hill. What do you mean.
(Laughter.) I don't think I was talking to him.

Q. How about the putt?

TIM HERRON: Oh, about the putt on 18?

Q. On 17 playoff, the winning putt?

TIM HERRON: Yes, the winning putt, and I started talking to my caddy? I don't know.

Q. Did you and your caddy talk about anything before the putt?

TIM HERRON: No, no, we didn't. He just said, you know, put a good roll on it like you've been doing all day. That's what I did. I just kind of talked to myself and just tried to hit my position on the follow through and the ball went in.

Q. Does winning this time, you've played solid for seven years and not won, I mean does this victory have any different meaning to you?

TIM HERRON: Well, it's funny I talked to -- now I'm kind of a veteran, I talk to guys that are maybe a little older that are going eventually on the Senior Tour. How old is Sluman? I go out to dinner. What most guys say about their career, that have great careers, they wish they would have won more instead of the money. It becomes about winning. You know, the great thing about the TOUR, you know, we have great sponsors supporting us, and the money is there now, so it is kind of about winning, you know what I mean?

A lot of us are financially secure, you know. So it's more about the winning than trying to make ends meet for your family and stuff which is nice, you know, where you can focus more on winning along those lines.

Q. Do you know your winnings today were more than the 3 combined?

TIM HERRON: See, seven years ago, unbelievable.

Q. Piggybacking on that, you hadn't won in seven year, but your finishes every year, the Money List was fairly consistent, how mentally draining was it to try and get back into victory?

TIM HERRON: Today, yes, it is kind of what I said, it's never easy. I wish it would have been easier. Rod, too bad he made a double. It looked like I had a 2-shot lead going into 16. I hit a terrible shot there and now I'm grinding again. And actually I get a good chip on 17 and ran across the green. That's what makes this golf course what it is. Chipping around here is really hard.

Q. Tim, would you say that your last real chance to win was '03 at The Hope?

TIM HERRON: Yes, probably. I mean. There has been quite a few where I've had a pretty good chance.

Q. Just sort of trying to figure out, you seem sort of emotional as the previous two fellows would say, it's not like you have been struggling, it's normally kind of a situation where we ask, or presume you haven't won for a long time, you must have been struggling, but do you feel like, yeah, it was a little bit of a struggle despite the good finishes?

TIM HERRON: Yes, the winning part is a struggle. So mentally it is a struggle. You feel like a lot of people say that -- a lot of peers say, I have great talent, I should win a lot more out here,

and I only win three times and that starts getting into your head. You know you just try to -- you kind of got to do it your way. Everyone has to do it their own way. What I learned out here, everyone is good at certain things. You know what I mean? Some guys are better with the mental attitude. Some guys are better putters, drivers, whatever. But you have to remember as a player what you do well.

What I do well, I really don't know. (Laughter.) I used to drive the ball long but now Bubba, that's a whole another story.

Q. (Inaudible)?

TIM HERRON: Yes, I mean I've always felt like I was a pretty smart player. Like on 10, I played smart. I always had a chance at a par putt I felt today. So I kind of relied on my putter, but I gave myself a chance. So like 10 I made sure I didn't miss it left. I was already in the rough. I'm probably not going to make a birdie unless I make an incredible shot, and I kind of bailed out to the right. But at least I had a chance, I made bogey, but I had a chance at a par.

Q. Tim, can you tell us anything about the Texas Opens that you've won, or is that too long ago to remember?

TIM HERRON: Yes, that's too long ago to remember. I've always liked Texas and Florida. I never really played any tours in Florida, but I played some many tours in Texas and won a few. I don't know maybe it's something with Texas.

Q. Tim, it sounds like you had one eye on the leaderboard all day long, is that motivation or distraction for you?

TIM HERRON: A little bit of both. If you saw someone running away a little bit, you have to go and chase that guy. You know, I don't want to play too conservative either. But I hit some great shots today and there is a few putts that could have fallen but didn't. But down the stretch I hit a lot of good putts that went in.

Q. Tim, as you are getting out a couple of really critical pars at 17 and 18, Johnson is making a moved ahead of you, when were you aware of what happened there, at what point did you realize what was on the table for you coming down the stretch?

TIM HERRON: I knew I kind of had a 2-shot lead. I didn't see what he did on 16. I kind of knew I had a 2-shot lead standing on the 16th tee and I bogeyed that. Then I hit a terrible tee, tee shot on 17. I actually hit a good chip on 17 and just kept running, and I heard a roar on 18, and I thought maybe that was Nathan Green, because I thought I saw Nathan Green at 11. I would take quick glances, I didn't really study the board. I saw him at 11 a few times. But it was actually Richard Johnson. So I decided to pull out driver on the last hole, where I probably would have hit a rescue. If I needed to make a par, I probably would have pulled out a rescue, and hit it down there, and hopefully make an easier par than I did.

Q. Did that roar come right before the putt?

TIM HERRON: Yes, right before the putt.

Q. The second thing I want to know about, tell me about the Texas mini tour experience. What did you win there?

TIM HERRON: It was a great experience. It was called the Lone Star Tour, and I don't even know if they still have it. But a friend of mine actually put it together, a kid that played for Oklahoma State's brother or whatever. I just kind of bounce off and on that. I played in Australia. If I had some time off, I would fly down, or drive down and play some mini tour events.

Q. Do you remember places where you won?

TIM HERRON: Well, I won their championship one next to the airport.

Q. Like Bear Creek?

TIM HERRON: Is Bear Creek right next to the airport? A 36-hole? Yes, I won there. And then I finished second in another one.

Q. What year?

TIM HERRON: You got me. I don't know, '93 or something.

Q. They mention on the broadcast about you moving back home during the off season. Logically you don't get to work on your game as much, did that make any difference coming into the year this year?

TIM HERRON: Yes, it did. It gets you a little more nervous, I guess. I'm not as prepared to go out there. Be patient and all of that. After a while I said that's crap, that (inaudible), this is terrible. This isn't any fun, I should be home with my family. But you just go through it. That's why this win has made it great because I've go through some emotional roller coaster. If I should be back in Minnesota, or I shouldn't. Is my career on the way to ending? Should I be satisfied with just making my card, things like that. Weird things go through your head. You know, this has really proved something to me that, you know, I can be a northern guy and still compete. And I talked to a lot of guys like Joey Sindelar, Jeff Blum (phonetic) and Jerry Kelley, you know I'm not a big winter guy, ice fishing.

Q. They said the other day that one of the things about working with Scott, sometimes he believes in you maybe more than you believe in you, I'm wondering how much has belief been a struggle for you and was that one of the battles that you had to fight today down the stretch?

TIM HERRON: Yes, it might be. But you know when you start believing it it becomes your putter, you know what I mean. I was hitting my lines, you know. In the playoff, I hit a good wedge and, you know, Scott and I we got along great. You know he probably only backed me off a few clubs today. We were right on the mark almost every hole. Did I answer the question, the belief thing?

Q. (Inaudible)?

TIM HERRON: Yes, kind of what I was saying before where guys said I'm probably a better talent, I should win more. That might be a belief thing. I should believe maybe more in myself and my talent.

On the other hand, that could backfire because then you get kind of -- you get more angry that you're not doing it and things like that. Then you get more upset. It kind of self destructs. This game is the biggest head game I think there is.

Q. Who was the buddy that helped you with putting and when?

TIM HERRON: Well, Gerald McCullough is my golf coach and he helps me. And I talk to Mark McCann who is another teacher.

Q. C A N N?

TIM HERRON: Yes, I think so. I don't even know how to spell it. Ronnie McCann's brother.

Q. Where was that?

TIM HERRON: That was in Dallas. All he said was address it on the heel. That's all I needed was something because I was working on path, but I couldn't get my path right. But if I address it on the heel, I get my path correct. But my coach, you know, I had to give a lot of things to my coach, Gerald McCullough. He lives in Minnesota so we work on a net inside.

Q. Tim, I just want to know when the last time you wore plaid was, and how do you think you look in it?

TIM HERRON: Is that plaid 70's or something. Or is that 60's? I don't know. Actually, I went to Scotland to see my (inaudible), to see what my kilt color was, but Herron is pretty much Irish and Welsh. They didn't even have it. That's probably the last time I looked for plaid.

Q. How do you think you look?

TIM HERRON: I think I look great in it. I think next year at the dinner, I'm going to wear matching pants. That's very important.

Q. How hard do you think it will be to come up with those?

TIM HERRON: I will find someone to make them.

Q. What's the putt you will remember the most, 17 or 18, or the playoff, all three of them had a different form and significance?

TIM HERRON: That's the weird thing about golfers. One of the best putts I hit all week was 16 that didn't go this. That's the weird thing about golfers. We always should think about the putt that went in, you know what I mean? I don't know. I think 18 to get in the playoff. I mean it was a big money putt.

Q. You seem like a guy that's real comfortable with your skin, you did the TV thing with the sandwich and all of that, have you always been the kind of guy that never took yourself all that seriously?

TIM HERRON: Yes, I think growing up my father kind of -- my father is a character, you know. So he would embarrass the kid, so you learn how to accept what dad is going to say, you know what I mean? So you learn that maybe he is going to make fun of you in public or not, or something. So you learn to just kind of roll with the punches.

Q. (Inaudible)?

TIM HERRON: Well, you know, you still have to dig deep as a golfer. It's how you deal -- in golf, it's how you deal with the bad. That's why I'm still struggling less and don't worry I'm going to enjoy.

THE MODERATOR: Let's go through the scorecard.

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