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First round Interviews

Interview of Sherri Turner

THE MODERATOR: Sherri, great playing today, 4-under it's a good way to start the year. Let's talk about that.

SHERRI TURNER: Okay. I've been working really hard this off season because this is probably going to be my last year. And, no, I'm not making an announcement. But because, you know, how golfers are thinking this is my last year, and always wanting to come back for more. But I have worked really hard on my golf swing, and I worked hard on my physical shoulder problem. It's going to continue. It's never going to go away. At least I'm able to deal with it now, and play with it. Last year I played with it some, but it kind of got worse through the season. I have had a lot of physical therapy and I have to continue doing that. I had no idea how I was going to play today. I mean I'm in shock as anybody. Not that I didn't know I could do it. But just that it was such a long morning. Getting up at 5:00, and then not knowing when we are going tee off, and warming up in the rain, and all of that. I played really well. I hit a lot of good shots. I hit some bad shots and I made some good recoveries. I think I had 27 putts with 1, 3-putt. So I putted well. I hit a lot of good wedge shots. I think I made 5 birdies, I probably had about two or three good saves for par I'm really happy about too. It was a pretty solid round, and I'm real pleased.

Q What do you think about playing out here with all of these youngsters?

SHERRI TURNER: I think it's awesome. I was looking around yesterday and I was thinking I am at a college tournament, you know. I'm like the coach. I have all of these kids here. But, I have had some funny looks from some people this week, not players or caddies, 'cause most of the caddies out here know me because I have been out of here a lot of years. I have had some looks from people like "you are a player?"

One of the ladies of the tournament, I went to pick up some roses the other day because the tournament did a really nice thing and they gave the players that have been out here for more

than 15 years a dozen roses on Valentine's Day. I was asking this lady where the tournament office was. She said, who are you picking up the flowers for? And I said I was picking them up for myself. And she was like, you are? Anyway, I know I'm the oldest player out here now and since I don't think Betsy is going to play very much this year. And Betsy and Beth and I all went to school together. And we have always been proud of the fact that the three of us were still out here still playing the last couple of years. It's been kind of neat. I know Jo-anne is going to show up for a couple of tournaments and I won't feel like I'm the oldest player there. I'm real pleased with 4-under and I'm happy to be here.

Q What are you going to do after.

SHERRI TURNER: After?

Q Golf.

SHERRI TURNER: I am still trying to figure out what I'm going to when I grow up. I'm not sure yet.

THE MODERATOR: When you first started, did you think you would still be going?

SHERRI TURNER: When I first started on the tour. I knew I wanted to play a long time. I was 27 when I got out here. It took me five tries to get my card. I knew that, I knew a lot of players out here, and I knew I could compete with them. And I knew that was all I are wanted to do. I'm not surprised I am out here.

Q Would you stay another?

SHERRI TURNER: Probably. Probably. I probably would. Last yearly I had some opportunities. I played well in several tournaments, but I couldn't quite put four rounds together. So maybe this week since it's only three.

Q You said you were 27 when you joined the tour?

SHERRI TURNER: Yes.

Q There is a 27-year-old girl playing. Do you sometimes think about the difference in maturity or is there a difference in maturity and playing level?

SHERRI TURNER: Yes and no. There is more maturity as far as the playing part goes for sure. Because Morgan in particular, she has a lot of experience. She has played in a lot of amateur events. I think Morgan took the correct route to get to where she is. And I played with her last year a couple of times. She is a great player. It's amazing when I first came out. There were a couple of girls that came out right at 18. I think Randy Burton was only 18 when she joined the tour. And there might have been one or two others Cristie, yes. But it's very different now as far as playing ability goes. Maturity level, I'm not real sure. Sometimes I look at Morgan and silly things that she may say, and I have to remind myself she is only 17. You know what I'm saying. But the playing ability is incredibly different I would say

Q When you first started what was the youngest player on tour then?

SHERRI TURNER: Um, that is a good question. I'm trying to think of who it would have been. Probably was Brandy. I don't know what year she joined the tour. Probably four or five years after I joined. I think it was right around in there. You see I used to think people were young when they came out and have been in college for a couple of years. You know 20 years old seemed young there. I would say Brandy was probably the youngest. And then Cristie came out later and Natalie came along. And when I first came out I can't think of the youngest player.

Q Is there anything that the young players do that remind you of how young they are?
SHERRI TURNER: they have no fear. They don't know what it's. That is the neatest thing to see them play. They're never been afraid. It's awesome to see it.

Q Does it feel good to put together a good round and with these younger players getting a lot of attention, I guess?

SHERRI TURNER: Sure. I don't really mind that. Because you know I was think one of the caddies that came out here the very same time I did, we were talking yesterday and we were thinking the average age out here now, if you take away myself and a couple of the older players, the average age must be close 25.

Q How many generations?

SHERRI TURNER: There is not many players in the 30's anymore.

Q That is what we were talking about there is a big gap?

SHERRI TURNER: There is a big gap. There is a few towards the end of the 30's, and players in their early 40's and mid 40's, but mostly early 40's. But you look around. I still look at Jeong Jang and I still think she is like 14 years old. She looks like she is. She is so young looking. And it's great though. It really is. I mean it says a lot for the tour. Because everybody wants to be here and play the best tour in the world, and be with the best golfers.

Q I'm curious how much you remember of 1989 of winning here?

SHERRI TURNER: I remember that the wind was blowing. I mean it was unbelievable. And I have never ever considered myself a good wind player. Never. And all at once I won the tournament. And I think I won by quite a few strokes. And it was like, wow! What is the wind? I remember coming here, and before I came here all, everybody was talking about how much the wind was going to blow at Turtle Bay. Besides that I was here in 1977 when they had the -- by then it was called the AIAW National Title. And our team came in 3rd. And I remember how bad the wind was blowing then. And I was really not that excited about coming here in 1989 when I won, because I remembered the wind from '77. I have a lot of fond memories when I come here. I do remember I was staying in a condo and I remember who I was staying with. And I remember that that particular year we had a new commissioner, and it was Bill. And he walked down the 17th fairway with me when I was winning the tournament. And I thought that was strange, but I do remember that. But sure I mean it's a lot of years ago, but I still do remember it.

Q 30 years?

SHERRI TURNER: 1989.

Q No '77?

SHERRI TURNER: Oh, '77.

Q Who all played that year?

SHERRI TURNER: Chris Johnson.

Q Mindy Moore?

SHERRI TURNER: Mindy was here. Chris, Patty.

Q The rest of them were not even born yet?

SHERRI TURNER: You are right.

Q Can you tell us about your birdies and your one bogey today.

SHERRI TURNER: Yeah.

Q What you hit in on No. 1, and how far that putt was.

SHERRI TURNER: Okay. Let me look and let me refresh my memory.

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