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**AN INTERVIEW WITH NADINA TAYLOR**

THE MODERATOR: Nadina, thanks for joining us tied with Silvia with the lead right now, 6 birdies, one bogey. **Error! Bookmark not defined.**

NADINA TAYLOR: Honestly I didn't want -- I didn't hit it well. I didn't time my shots well today, but I holed a lot of putts. So putting has always been the down side of my game side most of the year. I think I hit every fairway. I just wasn't hitting it long. I'm not a long hitter. And in these conditions I hit a lot of 7-woods and a lot of 5-woods into these holes. But I just manage to put it on the green and I holed a couple of putts. So it was quite nice.

Q. It's your first year on TOUR, how has the adjustment been and has it been a difficult adjustment to play out here?

NADINA TAYLOR: I played in Europe for two years, the previous two years. It was a great experience for me out there and a lot of learning. I've missed some cuts out here, so it was a little bit of adjustment time, and everything was like wow, just huge, and seeing all of those players that I've idolized most of my life out here. I'm thinking, do I belong out here? Should I've been here? That was in the back of my mind for a little while. I have a sport's psychologist at home. And he is like, come on, you got to tell yourself you belong, You're a great player. You go and get placed like there and go out there and play like you know how to. I have been trying to do that. It gets a little bit difficult at times. But, you know, I'm just trying to stay steady. My boyfriend has been caddying for me, trying to keep me patient and it's been working okay.

Q. Was there a specific moment where you said I do belong out here, I can play out here?

NADINA TAYLOR: After leading after the first round in Vegas, I was 3-under, I didn't feel like I done anything special, I just played like I know that I can. So at that point I'm thinking maybe I did kind of belong out here. I made the next 4 cuts, so I thought well, although I'm not doing all that well when I make them at least I'm there, I have an opportunity if I have a good weekend to move up the leaderboard a little bit.

This year I knew it would be a tough and learning experience the whole year, and I am just going to try and stay with it and see what happens.

Q. Nadina, can you talk about your first impressions of playing here at this particular golf course?

NADINA TAYLOR: I thought it was going to be quite long. My practice round on Tuesday, I didn't hit the ball that well. I was hitting a lot of woods into the par 4's. And I thought I'm going to have to be hitting it quite well this week.

But at the end of the day it doesn't matter if you're hitting a 7-iron, a 7-wood or a 5-wood, if you can get the ball close to the hole and it pops in, that's just the name of this game.

But it was playing a little bit shorter than it did on Tuesday, even though it is still wet.

On Tuesday you play at the back of the tees, you aim for the back of the greens, but it was reasonable.

Q. I would think that the scoring conditions would be perfect, this is as good as it's going to get?

NADINA TAYLOR: I love being out first. At least the front nine, there is no marks on the green and it's going to be quite perfect, and I like playing quite quickly as well so that helps.

THE MODERATOR: Scorecard.

NADINA TAYLOR: I'm trying to remember the holes. I will try.

Q. Birdie on three?

NADINA TAYLOR: Yes, I hit it to about two feet, so that was nice.

I hit a 7-iron on the par-5. I've only played here once before but that false front on that green, and I was playing with Nancy Scranton, and her ball landed maybe two meters, two yards short of mine, kind of all the way back, so I took an extra club there and landed just perfect.

Q. Bogey on 9?

NADINA TAYLOR: Yes. I hit it fairway. I hit my second one heavy into the thick rough. I chipped it up to about eight feet, and left it short. I didn't get down on it so well. I was hanging there to see what happens.

Q. Birdie on 12?

NADINA TAYLOR: I didn't get down that hill. I had a 5-wood in there and I hit it like 12 feet. So as I said, the other girls might hit a 9-iron or 8-iron in there.

Q. 13?

NADINA TAYLOR: 8-iron to about four feet, again.

Q. 15?

NADINA TAYLOR: Oh, my goodness. I hit the rescue club and I pulled it a bit. I thought it was going to be short because I didn't hit it well. It was left of the hole, and it

was just above the pin. My boyfriend caddying said pretend you are hitting a 2-foot putt, this was about a 15-footer. I actually hit it really too hard and luckily it was straight in the middle of the cup, otherwise it was about a 6 or 7-foot putt.

Q. 17?

NADINA TAYLOR: Yes, I hit a good drive, a great 5-iron to about six feet. That was probably my best shot, the five iron. That was my best iron thought all day.

Q. 18?

NADINA TAYLOR: Driver, 5-wood. I thought it was a little stand down. I was on my down slope. I thought well it wasn't a really a comfortable situation with my stance, so I just hit it to about 12 feet, I suppose there. I wasn't thinking about my score at any time during the round. I thought well just do what I have been doing and try to strike it in, and it went in.

THE MODERATOR: Very good .

NADINA TAYLOR: Not a problem.

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