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Annandale Golf Club
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Second-round leader quotes

AN INTERVIEW WITH WILL MACKENZIE

JOAN vT ALEXANDER: Thank you, Will, for joining us for a few minutes at The Viking Classic. A good start to the week 70, 64, not a single bogey on that card. Lots of birdies, you're going to tell us about later. Tell us about what you're doing well out there. A 30 th morning on the front 9.

WILL MACKENZIE: Joan, I hit it in the fairway a lot, and I hit it. If you are hitting it well out there, you have some wedges, you know how this golf course is. I played here in '05. I didn't play in '06, '07. Obviously, since they changed it, the greens are so good now. I mean they changed it to Bermuda which made it firmer. It was soft this morning, you can attack the pins and it was soft. I hit it in the fairway. I hit good shots on the green, and I am playing with a claw which was working for me pretty good. I won my only tournament with a claw but I actually switched back for some reason. That's the way I am.

Q. Are you changing putters when you change your grip, or do you try different putters?

WILL MACKENZIE: I tried different putters. This year, in general, has been real tough for me. I have played poorly. It's been a wonderful year, too. We had our baby. I've changed a lot of putters. I have gone back to my old Scotty Cameron, I will probably use. I brought it with me this week. I brought about 3 putters. It's all about getting a feeling for me. If I get a good feeling, then maybe I can putt great.

Q. (Inaudible)?

WILL MACKENZIE: You are right, at the John Deere. I was really close to getting it done at that tournament. I just didn't quite

do it. But, you know, I told them I worked with a Dr. Gio Valiente (phn). He helped me out a lot. I haven't been playing or practicing much because I missed the FedExCup and we had our baby. I'm not using all of the information he gave me, but I'm trying to do a little out there and get back into it. We have six more events. Obviously I need to play great and that's what I intend on doing.

Q. What did you do, you had knee surgery, scope?

WILL MACKENZIE: May 1st, scope. It was a pretty naughty injury. It was the medial meniscus, a small tear in the lateral. The medial, on a 10 scale of 10, it was a 10. I went to Dr. Pat O'Connor, he sewed me up. Fred Funk had similar surgeries. He had his knee drained four times since the surgery. He is working out harder than me. He is an animal. I am just waiting for the replacement, full knee replacement.

(Scorecard.)

Q. Can you talk about why you switched your grip?

WILL MACKENZIE: Because when one is not working I go away from it. It's tough to weather the storm unless you are typically one of those great putters. Guys have been putting with the same putter, like Tiger Woods, he has been putting with the same putter forever. The classic guys use the same putters, they always stay with, where many with the same deal weather the storm. I'm not like one of those guys. I know what got me on TOUR. I got a certain little stance that I call the bad.com stance. It helps me with consistent set up. When I switch from conventional to claw, I try to keep that same stance. So I can claw it or go conventional. The reason being, you know, sometimes I feel better with conventional. Sometimes I feel better with the claw.

Q. (Inaudible)?

WILL MACKENZIE: I use about 95 percent of the time. I hit a few regular out there, just a few.

Q. (Inaudible)?

WILL MACKENZIE: Complicated? Probably. I guess so.

Q. Is your game ready to get back to win again. You said you were close? Are you there?

WILL MACKENZIE: Who knows? I did not really practice much this year. It's been a weird year. I went and bought a house in the off season. I just didn't practice. She said, I can learn from that. I mean to get out there and be ready to play. I tried to switch my swing the first event this year. I hadn't practiced all season and I chopped it up. I didn't work with a coach. I will win out here again I think. I think I have the ability to. I got to hurry up and get off the stand. Joan is ready for me to leave.

I think soon. I don't know if I'm going to win one of those six or seven but hopefully I can stay on this TOUR and balance my time between my family and my career. I don't want to look back and say, I could have done this, and I could have done that. I want to get back to working hard. The injuries and just everything has sort of halted my being really devoted.

Q. Was it a knee injury from golf or some of your other activities?

WILL MACKENZIE: It was not from golf, just from fooling around, just messing around. A little bit of abuse. I tweaked it in the off season. And I retweaked it at my little brother's wedding. I slipped, it was raining like crazy, everybody was dancing and I slipped.

Q. (Inaudible)?

WILL MACKENZIE: Yes, no warning.

Q. (Inaudible)?

WILL MACKENZIE: I get hurt dancing now, that's pretty lame.

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