

**SAMSUNG WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP  
Florida's Natural Charity Championship  
Eagle's Landing Country Club  
Stockbridge, Ga.**

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Pre-Round Quotes**

**AN INTERVIEW WITH KARRIE WEBB**

**THE MODERATOR: We're going to get started. Karrie, thank you for coming in. This is the first tournament back after winning the Major. Congratulations on that.**

**KARRIE WEBB: Thank you.**

**THE MODERATOR: This is your 8th time playing in Atlanta. If you want to talk about coming back off a win, and coming back to Atlanta again.**

**KARRIE WEBB: Well obviously, my last competitive round was a pretty exciting one. So I have a lot of good feel about going into the tournament this week. And I have really enjoyed playing here in Atlanta. Obviously here at this golf course I have been in contention a few times. And I haven't won here, but I have always had a good feel here and always thought I could play really well.**

**Q What have you done since Nabisco?**

**KARRIE WEBB: I went back to Australia and I got back on Sunday.**

**Q What do you like about this course? You have been in contention before, what is the strength of this course?**

**KARRIE WEBB: Well obviously in the past it's been probably 7 out of the 8 years it's been pretty damp and soggy, so it's played pretty long. So then as a premium on your mid to longer irons., and I like the fact you have to shave them into the greens, and you only need three spits of rain on this golf course and it will be under water. I like the fact even this week if it plays a little faster, you still have to shape shots into greens and stuff.**

**Q** After Nabisco how have you reevaluated your season's goals or almost your whole career?

**KARRIE WEBB:** I haven't really. I'm not reevaluating anything. Like I said, I'm working to be in that position to win tournaments more often. With the goal of getting back to the standard I that I was playing a few years ago.

**Q** We just got done with the Masters and we were talking about technology, and I was curious on how the women's game is going. How is technology shaping things? A lot of young women are killing the ball, how has that changed the game?

**KARRIE WEBB:** Distance-wise, I don't think it has had as big effect. It's not as noticeable as the men. And obviously because we play from very different tees on golf courses we have plenty of length to move tees back and stuff like that. And our courses are getting a little longer. But I don't think our courses have lengthened to the extent that the guys have had to lengthen theirs. That is the difference. I think that technology has helped the top male pro more than it has anybody in the game, and it's supposed to be helping the average amateur golfer. I don't think they are getting any benefit out of the knowledge, they are just buying it all. I think where it shows out here is it just brings everybody closer together. I think technology is bad in a way that people that actually have the talent don't stand out as much as they should. Because I don't think it's -- I don't think ball striking is a premium anymore. You have balls that don't move in the wind and clubs that are so hot that you don't even have to shape a shot. That is what the disappointing thing is, that someone like Annika is head and shoulders above us, but there should be three or four more that should be head and shoulders above other people. That is what you will see in the top 30 this year, a few different names and the ones that finish -- there will be a few different names that popped up in the top 30 last year that might not this year. And you know, that is due to playing good, obviously. But I think technology helps a lot of players compete out here.

**Q** Since the victory there was talk about Karrie Webb is back. Have you gone anywhere?

**KARRIE WEBB:** It's one tournament too. If I continue to do that for the rest of the year then I would say I was back to the level of what people are mentioning. I was disappointed with my year last year. So getting back in the winner's circle felt really good. So I would say I enjoyed coming back. But, yeah, it's been a quiet couple of years for me. And I have been working harder than I ever have. So I would like to put in another four or five really strong years and see where that puts me and reevaluate things from there.

**Q** What did you miss most about those years when you were winning consistently and you were the top player in the world? And what has happened in the last couple of years? What did you miss most about the great years other than the winning?

**KARRIE WEBB:** I think what I realized is I didn't appreciate or enjoy golf as much as I should have. I think I took it -- you know, if you would have asked me if I could go back in time and said, do you take it for granted you are playing good? I would have said, no. But I think deep down I really thought I was going to play good for my whole career and never hit a roadblock. So, you know, I think, it's been good to me to struggle a little bit. So that, I mean if I would have won that tournament the way I won the Nabisco the way, I won it a couple of weeks ago, even if that was 5 or 6 years ago, I would have enjoyed it. But I just really, you know, I have never enjoyed winning a golf tournament as much as I did a couple of weeks ago. That is what I want to do. No one wants to play bad. I am not going to enjoy the bad. I tell you that. But I will appreciate and enjoy the good on a more consistent basis.

**Q** And the last thing what do you think you are working the hardest on right now. What is maybe the thing that has got you back on track a little bit?

**KARRIE WEBB:** I made a couple of putts in the last few weeks. I have been consistently working on my swing. But my swing has always been good enough to win out here. You know that hasn't been really a factor. But because I haven't been making putts and you feel like you have to hit it in every time so you don't have to putt, you know. So then that puts pressure on swing changes because you are trying to be perfect all the time. You know, if you hit them to 20 feet and making them a couple of times around, making a couple of 20-footers, you sort of ease up and starting to swing and hitting it closer. It's a catch 22. I have been working hard on every aspect of my game. But the fact that I have seen a couple of putts go in has helped me play a little bit better.

**Q** Karrie, you are partially into this. You were in the limelight for a couple of years and then you weren't and now you are back in it. In the last couple of weeks are you enjoying the attention more than you did the first time or looking at it in a different way?

**KARRIE WEBB:** I still don't like how much time it takes up. That is a part though I think I will handle things better if I put myself into that spotlight again. But that is the part I didn't enjoy. And that is what made me not enjoy my golf as much because you know everything else. And I was criticized a lot too for a few years there. So that made me not enjoy coming in here and talking to you guys.

**KARRIE WEBB:** And the other part you also partially answered this. If you were to compare your game now and then, what went away for two years. Was it just on the greens was the only thing?

**KARRIE WEBB:** No, not necessarily. I have made a few swing changes, and with that I lost a little confidence and trust. I am still probably not as strong as I was when I was playing really well. I think when I was playing really well I was very strong mentally, but I really don't know the process that I did. It just all was very natural and now I'm sort of learning all over again. And I'm trying to get confidence back in believing in myself and putting the hard work in and believing that I have done the hard work and that it's good.

**Q** Was the trip back to Australia planned or because you won?

**KARRIE WEBB:** It was planned.

**Q** It was planned. And did you get a lot of attention when you did go back?

**KARRIE WEBB:** Not really. I had already been in the papers, and I did a couple of interviews and stuff, but that was it.

**Q** How much have you been working your game?

**KARRIE WEBB:** I didn't work real hard for the couple of weeks. I just enjoyed being home. I have a new niece that was the reason why I traveled home. So, you know, I worked probably half of you know four or five days before I came back.

**Q** Karrie, we were grilling Annika about the new wave of young players springing up everywhere. I will ask you the same questions where are they coming from and what do you think of the new wave of teenaged talent?

**KARRIE WEBB:** I think it's great. I think it's really exciting. It's scary that you know at 17 and 18 these kids are good enough. They don't have to have break in years where they are getting used to playing professional golf. They are ready to play as soon as they come in. I think it's good. I think it's good. I see young Americans that have a lot of potential. I think that is really good for our tour. That is what has been missing for a number of years.

**THE MODERATOR:** Thank you very much.

**KARRIE WEBB:** Thanks