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First-round quotes

AN INTERVIEW WITH KARRIE WEBB

THE MODERATOR: If we can go over your scorecard, first.

KARRIE WEBB: 10, I was just short of the game in two, and I hit a fairly poor chip shot to about 30 feet and 3-putted.

13, I hit a sand wedge just on the front fringe and hold about a 20, 25-footer.

14, I hit a 7-iron to about 8 feet.

16, I hit -- what did I hit on that? I think a 7-iron to 20 feet.

1, I hit a sand wedge to five feet.

4, I hit a sand wedge to 15, 18 feet.

6, I hit a 3-wood just short of the green and chipped it to about a foot.

8, I hit my 53 degree wedge there to about 15 feet.

And 9, I birdied as well.

Q. You did birdie 9?

KARRIE WEBB: I hit a 5-iron in there to the back fringe and chipped it to about five feet and made the putt.

Q. Obviously, your happy with your round, just your general thoughts about your first round and being in contention right now.

KARRIE WEBB: Yes. I got off to a bit of a shaky start. I bogeyed the first. I made about a 6-footer for par. Well, I bogeyed 10. I made a six-footer for par on 11.

When I made birdies at 13 and 14 I finally settled into the round and played a really good back nine which was obviously the front nine for me.

THE MODERATOR: Questions?

Q. When you get out there, you see a lot of birdies already out there, do you have to kind of block that out of your mind because you know right away already the scores are low?

KARRIE WEBB: Yes. I was trying really not to set a score or anything like that. I was just trying to hit good golf shots instead of just trying to work on things a little bit and shape some shots. And really, actually, the biggest thing that happened today is I made some putts. I really haven't putted particularly well this year so far.

So it was good to see some short putts go in and some longer ones go in.

Q. How would you describe the state of your game where you are as we sit here today?

KARRIE WEBB: I'm really, really close. You know, obviously shooting 65 today gives me a load of confidence, or adds to that.

I'm really good on the range, and I'm just not quite taken aback to the golf course every day. But I'm really close. I think I could be even closer if I could have more putting days like I had today. It sort of takes some pressure off your long game if you know can you make a putt or two. But I'm really close to putting everything together and playing some really good golf.

Q. When was the last time on a consistent basis you came to the golf course and said, I know I'm going to play well and felt like you were in the normal Karrie groove?

KARRIE WEBB: I'll say it's probably been about three years at least. But it's funny because when I was playing really well, I practiced really really poorly. So I almost went into tournaments not knowing what to expect, but once I got on the course I clicked into a tournament gear and played well. Now I practice quite well. I feel like I should have tons of confidence going out on to the golf course and it's just that little bit of a block there where I haven't been able to put everything together.

It's probably been at least three years since I was on the roll that I was on in '99, 2000, 2001.

Q. Do you still feel that you can get back to that level and be that dominant player that you were in those years?

KARRIE WEBB: Yes. What I'm seeing with my golf swing right now, if I can trust things and let things happen, I think I could be a better player than I was. I mean that's why I made the changes. And I really feel like I could be a better player. I'm a little bit older and probably know too much, so sometimes that's what holds me back.

Q. Simply, what were the major changes in your golf swing that you made?

KARRIE WEBB: Well, my swing now is probably just a little more dynamic. I swing a lot more with my core than I ever used to. And really I used to find it hard to play the ball, now I found it hard to draw the ball, so I've really neutralized my playing to where I swing pretty square to square.

THE MODERATOR: Anymore questions for Karrie? Thanks a lot. Congratulations, good round.

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