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Second-round Interview

AN INTERVIEW OF DEAN WILSON

THE MODERATOR: All right. We welcome Dean Wilson after a bogey free 5-under 65 in round 2 of the 2006 Bank of America Colonial. We kind of joked about it coming in here, Dean, but obviously the last time you were in the Media Center here at the Colonial was with Annika in 2003. It's nice to be in here as a co-leader at the moment.

DEAN WILSON: Exactly. In here actually after playing golf that is a good thing for me.

THE MODERATOR: Let's talk about today's round. Tim mentioned the winds didn't start picking up until the 8th hole or so for him.

DEAN WILSON: Yeah, right in the middle of the round is when it started picking up. We had 8 holes of nice docile weather like we did yesterday.

THE MODERATOR: Talk about what you like about this course out here.

DEAN WILSON: I love this course. The way you need to shape shots and you have to work it both ways and make sure you put it in the fairway, and if not, you will fight yourself if you try to muscle it through some the doglegs or try to cut corner, it just makes it difficult to do.

THE MODERATOR: It's been a strong year for you so far. You have three top 10's already, one shy of your career high last year. And we're not even half way through the year so far.

DEAN WILSON: I have the best start I have had in my four years on tour. So I guess it's good to see I'm progressing getting better. I'm moving in the right direction.

THE MODERATOR: We'll open to questions. Steven?

Q Dean, I guess you don't mind seeing that wind pick up. How much of an advantage do you think it was for the guys going out early this morning?

DEAN WILSON: Yeah, it seems like yesterday it didn't blow all day. So it's kind of morning and afternoon didn't have much of a difference. And if the wind keeps blowing, I guess we're going to have a little bit of an advantage. It's also nice when you play this course and you have to shape shots, it's nice to have the wind to bank it off and help you curve it. So I know that coming in the last few holes for me, 15 and 18, that wind is helping curve it around those doglegs and that is always nice to have.

Q I just wanted to ask you about 17, because I know you had quite a few saves there. But talk about how you were able to get up and down and save par on that one?

DEAN WILSON: Yeah. Today that is where the wind got me. I hit -- I was trying to cut a shot into the fairway there, and cut it a little too much into the wind, compounded it by taking it further to the right. I got lucky by staying out of the hazard, and actually had a shot towards the green and got it up there in the greenside bunker and got that up-and-down. The last couple of days on that hole I have hit it everywhere and saved par.

Q Was it right?

DEAN WILSON: Way right. I was actually right of the hazard. It landed on the left and took a huge kick over.

Q Over the trees (Inaudible)?

DEAN WILSON: Over the trees my second shot. I had an opening there, yeah.

Q Just one more. Just as far as a hole like that, like you said, you have been able to get par and everything. Is that a testament to your confidence or how well things are going this year?

DEAN WILSON: I wouldn't go that far. Just both days I just haven't hit the fairway, and especially on that hole. The greens are a little narrow, and it's one of the smaller greens. And so you will have a tough time hitting the green from the rough or from any kind of a goofy lie. So, not getting in the fairway both times I have proven I have to get it up near the green and have a chip and a putt at it, which fortunately I was able to pull off the last few days. It's a great hole you have to fit it in the fairway and fit it in the green.

Q Is there anything you can pinpoint that what has enabled you to take this step forward in your career?

DEAN WILSON: Definitely. I have new swing coaches over the last maybe within about two years now, a year and a half. Andy Plumber and Mike Bennett. And they have been the what has changed my game from two years ago. My swing was getting worse with the things I was working on before. And they have really helped to clear it up for me and understand what makes my swing effective and how to swing the ball to make the ball move left and move right. That has been a big help to me the last couple of years. And so far this week I have been really good at getting up on holes when I need to move it left-to-right. I have moved it left-to-right on holes where I needed to move it right-to-left off the tee, I have done that. Without their help I would be out there slashing it around.

Q Do you usually have two swing coaches? How does that work?

DEAN WILSON: Definitely. They work on the same thing. It's an advantage I think for the guys that are working with them, because when one can't make it the other one shows up. So it seems like every other week we have one guy or the other. Where if you had one swing coach he would have to show up every week. And so, we definitely have a huge advantage that way.

Q (Inaudible)?

DEAN WILSON: Aaron Baddeley is one guy is that started working with him last year and Tommy Armor. So there is just -- that really helps. I know it's confusing to some people because they are so used to hearing one name with a swing coach. But they are both on the same page. They both know what is going on. They always keep in touch with what is going on with the guys that they are working on. And it's really fortunate I think and effective for us.

Q Dean, how do you balance the satisfaction that you are making progress with maybe the impatience to take the next step?

DEAN WILSON: Yeah. Well it's just that there are so many players out here that are really just good, solid players. And any given week there are guys that are playing well. Just because you are playing well doesn't mean you are going to win. I take satisfaction of having put myself up on the top the or near the top of the leaderboard whether it's the first round, second round, or third round. And for me it's just little baby steps to keep building towards so hopefully I can win. I was telling someone else out there it seems in my career when I first started golf I wasn't that good. And it took me a while to get better in J r . golf, and high school golf, and it was the same in college, and it was the same when I first turned pro, and it's been the same with every level I have played. I'm not the Phil Mickelson guy who was awesome in high school and awesome in college and turned pro and was awesome as an amateur and continued winning. Those guys are far and few between. I have proven to be a little bit on the floor past the learning.

Q (Inaudible)?

DEAN WILSON: I started late. I started when I was 13 years old. Which is late for most golfers. I started in the 9th grade. It seems like I was always behind everyone. Definitely.

Q Would you consider yourself as a student of the game?

DEAN WILSON: I want to know what is going on, definitely. That is what Mike and Andy have really helped me understand and showed me what works. Sometimes there is a little too much information and a lot of guys tease me, you have all of that information you can't think of that when you swing. I agree I don't think of that kind of stuff. But at least I describe it, and I know what the picture is supposed to look like. I know what I'm supposed to do. And hopefully I can engrain some of those things where I don't have to think about it. I think that is something for me that is why I'm maybe on the slower curve of learning, I have to digest it and get it in there and forget about it, so.

Q Has your career arrow went up and you found yourself on the leaderboard, did you find that some people in the gallery and media already kind of knew a little bit about you because of Annika?

DEAN WILSON: Yes. Definitely that is the first thing on the PGA tour that got my face on television. It was not my play. I had a couple of top 10s before we got here that year. Other than that, my face wasn't on TV or people didn't really know my name.

Q Kind of following up on that, Dean. How do you look back on that experience now. And the second question is have you had any conversations or many conversations with Annika since then?

DEAN WILSON: The experience with her out here, it was fantastic. Having all of that media attention, also the all of the people in the gallery watching us. The only thing I can equate it to is, and not that I was ever in it, was watching guys finish up in Majors with all of those people around. You know, we had thousands of people just following our group which was something quite unusual. And also having that attention knowing that every shot is on television and having to play alongside Annika. It strikes a chord in me there is some nervousness too. You want to make sure you perform well because everybody is watching and whether it's your buddy as the home waiting her to out-drive you so they can give you some grief. Things like that you want to play well. So, it's just a great experience to be able to put under your belt and have in the future where next time you get in that situation you can fall back on that.

Q Have you had any conversations with Annika?

DEAN WILSON: We have talked a few times and we have kept in touch. Everyone always asks me that and I say we exchanged phone numbers and every time she won you have to call and congratulate her. So it seems like I talked to her quite a bit. So we did keep in touch.

Q Does she congratulate you on your --

DEAN WILSON: I haven't done anything. Congratulate me on making cuts.

THE MODERATOR: Let's go over your birdies, Dean.

[Scorecard]

Q Some big putts?

DEAN WILSON: I had a lot of opportunities good thing I got a few of those in.

THE MODERATOR: Anything else.

Q You were on Good Morning America that week right?

DEAN WILSON: On the Today Show, I think, Matt Lauer.

Q Anything else you remember from that week, CNN?

DEAN WILSON: I don't know if I did. I don't think I did CNN. I just remember doing a lot of interviews before, and I don't exactly who they were for. The Golf Channel. I remember Matt Lauer though.

THE MODERATOR: All right. Thanks, Dean. Good luck this weekend.

DEAN WILSON: Thanks.