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Second-round Interview

AN INTERVIEW WITH PETER LONARD

THE MODERATOR: We thank Peter Lonard for stopping in after back-to-back rounds of 66 to open up the 2006 Bank of America Colonial. Bogey free today, Peter. Nice round out there. It sounded like the wind wasn't as strong this morning.

PETER LONARD: As we're hoping for this afternoon?

THE MODERATOR: Exactly.

PETER LONARD: No, it was good. It was all right. It was a little gusty on first front 9, and it just sort of steady out on the back 9. So over all it wasn't too bad at all.

THE MODERATOR: Talk about your play on this course today.

PETER LONARD: I don't think I did it the text book way. I drove it all over the place in the rough. When I hit it on the fairway I hit it close and made birdie. And when I missed the fairway I managed to get it on the green, 2-putt and go on to the next. I suppose I got a little lucky in the places. But, you know, I think this course I like the way the course sets up. You can hit it in the rough and if you want to shape on under a tree, or around a tree, or over a tree, you get the opportunity do it rather than having to chip it out sideways.

PETER LONARD:

THE MODERATOR: How does one hit just 5 fairways and yet 15 greens?

PETER LONARD: You hit a lot of chip and runs, and the rough around trees and cuts and hooks.

THE MODERATOR: You played it --

PETER LONARD: I played to the best of what I had. And I was hitting is sideways, and I hit it short on holes where I knew I couldn't hit it, and I hit it in. You know, I just didn't -- I just felt my way around. And when I hit it, certain spots there were there were no goes, I made sure I didn't hit it in there, I still hit it in the rough but I still had a shot.

THE MODERATOR: Let's talk about your seeding today it's just the one top 10 at the Mercedes. How do you feel about your game at this point?

PETER LONARD: The last three months I have been looking through the classifieds for a new job and everything else. And I need to go and practice a bit harder. I haven't been playing good. I have been practicing like hell, and training, and doing all of the right stuff. But it

hasn't been showing on the board. This is one of those games where it's a fine line between playing pretty good and playing pretty ordinary. And, you know, when you are ordinary you have to fight and hang on. And if you give up well then you will have to get a job. I'm not at a give up stage yet. Last week I played well. I drove it and hit my irons well last week. This week I haven't driven it well. My irons are good. If I can clear up the driving on the weekend I'll be in the show.

THE MODERATOR: We'll take questions.

Q I think it's the 6th straight round (inaudible) is there something about this course that you have figured out or that you like about this course?

PETER LONARD: I have always liked this course. I think this is a good track normally because I hit it pretty straight. Not so much this week. But, you know, I like the fact that, you know, you can hit it in the trees, and you have a shot, just don't chip it sideways and then smash it for 150. You can actually, you know, you can turn around under a tree or hit it over it, or, you know, whatever you want. You can hit behind a tree, or left-to-right or right-to-left. And it gives you that opportunity to play shots as long as you can hit them along ground and lie or run the ball up. These sort of courses are a dying sort of breed on tour, I think. It's very similar to Australia the way the ball bounces. So you can judge the ball rolling, you can usually play pretty good around here, I think.

Q You talk about working hard. Were you talking about preseason leading up to the year? And it also looks as if you are in really good shape.

PETER LONARD: We don't really get a preseason. We finish here and we go and play in Australia, and then turn around here and come back here again. We have two weeks off over the summer and that is about it. So as far as practice goes I have practiced as hard as I ever had. And as training goes, the same thing, you know, I'm five days a week. So I have done all of the bits and pieces to put it together. I just haven't been able to put it together.

Q Is there one aspect of your game that you have found that you have had to work harder at or has been lacking?

PETER LONARD: I don't think I will hit it as good this year as I have in the past. You know, pretty much all around. But you know I probably haven't driven it as good. I'm sporadic when I started driving it good. I'm really good and then, you know, this year when it's gone off, where normally I'm hitting it only in the fringes. So it's not a big problem. A few spectators in danger today.

Q Did that happen last year? Did you hit somebody last year?

PETER LONARD: I have never hit anybody here.

Q Yes, you did?

PETER LONARD: Have I? Did I? I hit someone at the Western.

Q (Inaudible)?

PETER LONARD: Really what hole?

Q (Inaudible)?

PETER LONARD: I can't remember. I know I hit a bloke at the Western right under the chin.

THE MODERATOR: Anything else before we go over the birdies. Let's go through the birdies, Peter.

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