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Pre-tournament quotes

AN INTERVIEW WITH KARRIE WEBB

PAM WARNER: Karrie, thanks for coming in and joining us today back here at Wegmans. You were the champion in '02, do you just want to talk about being here first?

KARRIE WEBB: Yes. It's always great to come back to Rochester. I've got lot of good memories obviously. It's just fun to see how into it the town of Rochester is. And I think all of the players really enjoy the fact that we're so appreciated here.

PAM WARNER: Do you just want to talk about your season so far. You've been playing great, you won the first major and then finished runner up in the second major and you've just been playing great and had another win; do you want to talk about that?

KARRIE WEBB: Yes, it's been, after winning at Kraft Nabisco, it's been a great run. I think I have been in contention to win every tournament I played in except probably one.

You know, that's a great feeling. That's what I work hard to do is to get myself back in that sort of position.

PAM WARNER: We'll take questions for Karrie.

Q. How difficult is it this time of the year to get your schedule right? You guys have Majors mixed in with a week off; everything kind of bunched together, how difficult is it, and when do you make those decisions The Open is next week, I have to play, we had a week off that type of thing?

KARRIE WEBB: Well, you take a look at the schedule when it comes out. I tend to stick with that. Last year I was entered to play this tournament, but I was going to play I think five or six in a row. And I had decided I had to miss something, and unfortunately it was this tournament, so I was glad we had the week off last week where I can rest up for the U.S. Open and the Match Play and be able to come here as well.

Q. Karrie, this golf course, is this a perfect run up for the U.S. Open, just kind of the way it's set up, the condition of it, can you think of a better scenario for a prep course for The Open than this?

KARRIE WEBB: Yes, I think it's perfect for driving, driving the ball because it's really a tough challenge driving the ball. I think we are going to be facing a lot longer second shots into par-4's than we do here. But it's always good to touch up the wedge game and the short irons because if you are missing a few fairways at The Open, you are probably chunking it out to about that distance any way. This as a great course to hone your driving skills in for sure. The greens are

actually in the best shape I've seen them. They are probably not as quick as I've seen them, but they are rolling probably the best I've ever seen them. So the course is in really good shape and it's a good venue to be out before The Open.

Q. This has been a big nostalgic week for this tournament with all of the players yesterday. Betsy Rawls was here. I just talked to her, and we kind of got into the whole, it's amazing how far this Tour has come since she was out here playing. Could you have ever imagined playing in 1951 when the Tour was one-year-old, and you were one of the founding members driving in jalopies all around the country playing. The way you have it today, can you ever imagine doing it how they did it back then?

KARRIE WEBB: No, I think that's why we are so fortunate that we had those women to do that. I guess if you are faced to do something like that, and you love the game as much as they did, that you would do anything to get it up and running. Where it is very fortunate we never had to contemplate even attempting to do that.

But I think our responsibility to them, and to the future of the LPGA is to continue to keep working and getting the Tour to grow, even though now we can afford staff to help us do that, we still have to do our share to continue to make the tour grow. And, you know, I guess reward is not the word for it but, you know, so that the work that the founders did isn't all in vain.

Q. Can you talk about you've had your run up to be No. 1, and maybe struggle for a time, now you are heading back up there again, what's that like and is it in some ways more fun, more enjoyable to be making that push again as opposed to maybe the pressure of being right at the top and everybody looking at you every week?

KARRIE WEBB: Yes, I definitely appreciate and enjoy this stretch of golf a lot more than probably any good stretch of golf that I played in my career. I've always worked hard at my game even when I was playing at the pique of my game. I put in a lot of hard work and it's been really great to see the rewards and to play some really good golf and see the ball go in the hole.

Q. What comes around, goes around at the LPGA, did you have that feeling last week as you are looking back on it?

KARRIE WEBB: Well, I had that feeling when the ball was trekking right for the hole in the playoff. I thought I was getting some just desert but it was -- Se Ri played a spectacular shot after missing her tee shot. There is not a lot you can do. It's hard to refocus after watching that and hearing the crowd to get in there and hit a really high quality shot, and I wasn't able to do that. And, obviously, Se Ri birdied the hole.

Q. I guess real quick, give us your impressions of the golf course, I talked to a few yesterday, is it playing any different than last year? Well, you weren't here last year, how is it playing, is it ready to go?

KARRIE WEBB: Yes, that's what I was saying, it's in great shape. It's probably, like I said, the greens are in the best shape I've seen. And the fairways have always been good here. We've got some good rough, which again is a good warm up for next week. But, yes, I think the course is going to play great this week. It's nice and green and lush and the ball is rolling well on the greens.

Q. The last thing on the course, in past years they used to say in order to win here, you had to be a top notched player, experienced player to get your way around, with the depth of the way the Tour is today, is that no longer true, are there 100 girls here that could win this tournament?

KARRIE WEBB: I think anyone who has a Tour card out here can win. Everybody has the ability to put four rounds together. Think with this golf course, anyone who drives the ball straight here, and is a petty good wedge player is going to do well. And so that does open it up a little bit. And because some of the longer hitters probably are going to be in the rough, but only hitting a 9-iron or wedge in, it still gives them a chance to, as long as they are not in the trees, and just in the rough.

PAM WARNER: Any other questions? Thank you Karrie.

KARRIE WEBB: Thanks.

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