



INTERVIEW TRANSCRIPT: STACY LEWIS
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MODERATOR: All right. I'd like to welcome Stacy Lewis into the interview room. Stacy, thanks for joining us. This is kind of turning into your home away from home in the media center. Good round today, 6-under 65. I know not the finish you really wanted, but can you just take me through the day, what went well?

STACY LEWIS: Yeah. Well, coming up yesterday I thought I played well but I just didn't score very well, kind of made some mistakes on the par 5s. So I knew I was playing well, just kind of needed to clean up the round a little bit. I played really solid. I had so many putts go over the edge of the hole and I had a couple bad swings coming in. There's always a couple you want back. But I've been kind of working on my swing over these last couple weeks, so it's nice to just see some shots going where they should go and I can just clean up a few little things for tomorrow.

MODERATOR: I was looking at your stats and it said you had 31 putts yesterday and you only had 21 today. Was this a big turning point in the difference between your rounds?

STACY LEWIS: Yeah, for sure. Yesterday, I wasn't comfortable on the greens yesterday. I don't know if it was -- my speed was off early I think partly because of the rain and all that, but I just didn't really hit many good putts yesterday. Hit a ton of greens, had chances. And then we worked a little bit last night, it was pretty much in the dark but we worked a little bit and I kind of figured something out and hit some -- I hit a lot of really good putts today.

MODERATOR: You played here in 2009 and missed the cut and then the LPGA took a break from the tournament. What is it like to be back here in Kingsmill?

STACY LEWIS: It's great to be back. I mean, as long as the event has been here, I think I remember being in college and watching people play this event. I mean, it was one of the staples. It's one that when I came out on Tour everybody talked about, how much they loved it here. You know, I didn't have a good experience my first time, but I didn't really remember much of the course coming back, so I kind of felt like I was coming here again for the first time, which sometimes that's not necessarily a bad thing.

MODERATOR: You went to the Rockies game recently for the media day press conference for the Solheim Cup. How was that and how excited are you for the Solheim Cup coming up next year?

STACY LEWIS: Yeah, Angela and I, we went out to Denver last Monday and Tuesday and I think Angela was in heaven at the Rockies game. If you've ever seen her at a baseball game, she's pretty excited. It was a lot of fun. We got to go sit right behind home plate. It was cool to see the actual Solheim Cup back out there and kind of get that U.S. – Europe rivalry going again. We're less than a year away so it's coming on a lot quicker than I think everybody realizes.

MODERATOR: Questions for Stacy?

STACY LEWIS: Your questions were too good.

MODERATOR: Yeah, I guess so.

Q. You were telling us out there that you reached the par 5 in two. Was it reachable yesterday as well or is it just playing differently today?

STACY LEWIS: No, I actually reached -- I've been able to reach all the par 5s so far. The wind was definitely opposite today, but I was still able to reach them. Yesterday I had 3-woods into all of them but today I had -- I had a hybrid into 3 and then a 3-wood into 15 and 7. So I think for the longer hitters, it's definitely reachable because you've got to carry them up on the green. There's really no way to run them up there.

Q. How big an advantage -- I'm guessing you're one of the few out here who can reach all the par 5s?

STACY LEWIS: Yeah, I think, this golf course, it's huge. Especially just off the tees, everything's kind of hitting and stopping just from all the rain. So the further you carry in the air, I think -- I mean, it definitely favors a long ball hitter. As you can see on the leaderboard, it's not the long hitters that seem to be doing well, so I don't know what that is. But I think in the end it comes down to making putts and that's -- I think Jiyai shot 9-under yesterday and she's one of the best putters on Tour. So I think in the end making putts is what's going to take this thing.

Q. I noticed you're third on Tour in greens in regulation. Have you hit most every green through your two rounds here?

STACY LEWIS: Yeah, I mean, I think I've been on the fringe for a couple of them but overall I haven't -- I know I haven't been chipping very much. I guess that's a good thing.

MODERATOR: What was it that you were working on last night with your putting that made it click today?

STACY LEWIS: It was more in my setup. I was just very uncomfortable over the ball. I wasn't trusting where I was lined up or I didn't really know where I was lined up, just making bad strokes because of that. So I kind of worked on some alignment things and just tried to get more comfortable over the ball.

Q. You said at ShopRite that you had blown all of your goals out of the water not even midway through the year. So what are the goals going into the second half of the season?

STACY LEWIS: I'm kind of looking toward the end of the year to be Player of the Year. That's kind of the final thing. Week in and week out it's just win tournaments and give myself chances to win. For Player of the Year I just need top 10s every week, so just giving myself chances to win, which is kind of what I've been doing all year. But I mean long term, get the No. 1 spot from Yani, but I think for November I would like to be Player of the Year.

Q. So this is Leta Lindley's last day and I know you've played in her charity event. Can you kind of talk about what that event was like and why you frequented it?

STACY LEWIS: Yeah, I played Leta's event only the last two years actually. It's so cool to see the passion she has for it. I think every time she gets up on the stage, she starts crying and makes everybody else in the room cry. And you can see her passion for the family, just her heart and who she is. It's just, I mean, we're losing a pretty cool person. Every time you see Leta, whether she played good or played bad, she's got a smile on her face, and that's pretty rare out here truthfully. Golf can be such a grind that she finds the positives in it and it's hard to believe she's been out here 18 years.

Q. Last question. Speaking of a grind, she only averages about 220 off the tee, so she hit a lot of 3-woods. Can you kind of talk about how much respect you probably have for a player who only hits it that far who's been able to sustain her good play all these years?

STACY LEWIS: Yeah, I think you look especially probably the last five or six years, that's when kind of the distance thing has started. Up until then she could hang in there. We had golf courses like Corning where you could hit it a little bit shorter and kind of get away with it. It's pretty impressive. I mean, that's like me hitting hybrid off the tee all the time. That would make a golf course pretty hard, so it's impressive I think just over the last end part of her career that she's been able to maintain it.

MODERATOR: Any other questions for Stacy? All right. Stacy, thank you.