



**INTERVIEW TRANSCRIPT: PAULA CREAMER**  
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**MODERATOR:** We'd like to welcome Paula Creamer into the interview room. First off, thanks so much for coming in and I know definitely not the way you wanted to finish after such exciting golf yesterday, but just take us through that playoff hole this morning and seeing all the crowds out there.

**PAULA CREAMER:** I couldn't believe how many people were out there, that feels great. I wasn't expecting that. When we drove up on to the tee, Colin and I are like, my goodness gracious, there's a lot of people out here. That was exciting. That means a lot for everybody to come out and cheer us on. I mean, who knows how many holes we were going to play, but unfortunately it was only one.

Yeah, honestly, I hit not the best of drives, but I hit a decent 5-iron; I just needed a couple more yards and it would have been right up next there. I thought I hit a great putt, the first one. It's so much faster than the putting green, the practice putting green. Colin and I, my caddie, were talking about maybe because the practice green was in the shade, this or that and that was a little bit more exposed to the sun. My speed's been pretty good all week and that one went about five and a half feet by. And I felt good over the next one. It's tough making a left-to-right five-and-a-half footer to go, but that's why you practice and things like that. Like I said, I felt really good and it just broke a little bit more than what I thought.

**MODERATOR:** How tough was it last night going back and having to sleep and then come back? I mean, it's very rare that you see a playoff have to go to the next day.

**PAULA CREAMER:** Chalk it up for experience right there, that's for sure. It's hard, yes, but you know, I was just strictly -- people were asking, Are you tired? I was like, not at all, so much adrenaline, I was so excited. I said in my interview, which was pretty hard to do right after you three-putt, but I said if somebody would have said you're going to go to a nine-hole playoff and this is what's going to happen and you're going to shoot 65, 66, these numbers, would you have taken it, and I would have taken it in a heartbeat.

The way this year's gone and I've overcome a lot of things, it's like I said, it's hard to come down to one hole. But it was going to be a mistake, I think, that was going to

have to -- unfortunately with Jiyai, she's such a straight player, but she hasn't won either for two years so you never know. She played well and I had to make a putt.

**MODERATOR:** When you talk about taking the positives, when you look at your ball striking this week and, as you were saying, your putting, is there so much you do take out of this week heading into the British?

**PAULA CREAMER:** Yes, just a lot of things. You know, worked my golf swing, once again my putting was better. I think just my overall demeanor out on the golf course is so much better. I hate using the term the old Paula, the new Paula. I'm the same person that I've always been, but just to have that little bit more fire inside me. It's fun, with Colin out there, we're enjoying it.

**MODERATOR:** Questions for Paula?

**Q. You've been in other close calls, other playoffs. Just kind of where did this rank emotionally? It feels almost as somber as a major when somebody comes in on a Sunday.**

**PAULA CREAMER:** Well, goodness, this is a mental just battle constantly playing the same hole over and over again. The fans were so great, almost like -- in that little area around the green, it was almost like a Solheim Cup feeling, hearing USA and all this stuff.

Like I said, I'm going to learn so much from this no matter what it is. I lost in the playoff to Annika and then I won the following week against Juli in a playoff, so it's not like I've never been in this situation.

However, coming back to play sudden death, I mean, all that, that doesn't happen very often. So like I said, it does, it's tough, it's hard, but it is what it is and it does have -- this Kingsmill event has always been such a fun event for everybody to come to. They love us here and I love coming here, I love this golf course, and when are we here, in May again, so hopefully I can do it then.

**Q. Paula, that last putt, that had a little downhill in it too, right?**

**PAULA CREAMER:** Which? Yeah, it's kind of like the first part of the putt in the shadow went uphill and then it kind of went back downhill. And then kind of where Jiyai was was downhill. It was kind of like in this little bowl and I made birdie on it on Sunday in our final round and I remember I was a little bit right of it, maybe about 10, 12 feet to the right, and Jiyai was almost on my line for the last putt. So I remember seeing the way -- what hers did because she made birdie.

Like I said, I thought I hit a great putt and it just -- you know, it was a little bit faster than what I thought. Then the next one, the downhill one, was tough, too, because it was

one of those dying ones and I had to play about a cup and a half of break from five feet pretty good.

**Q. Was the pin in the same location?**

**PAULA CREAMER:** Yeah, same pin.

**Q. Can you just talk about what the rest of your day now? Are you going to England at some point?**

**PAULA CREAMER:** Yeah, tonight, so I have a long time to sit here and think about it.

**Q. Are you driving up to D.C.?**

**PAULA CREAMER:** I think so, yeah. Same flight that we were supposed to be on yesterday, so we'll just take it today.

What am I going to do today? I'll probably think about this for a little bit but not too long. It's hard -- that's the thing about golf and sports is you've got to have that great short-term memory. And Colin told me afterwards, remember Nancy Lopez telling me to have about short-term memory.

I can't take away the way that I played. I played great this whole tournament and I'm going to think about it, but then I'm going to think it over and then I'm going to go and try and win a major. That's what you want to do. I couldn't ask for more positives and confidence going into this week or next -- whatever this next tournament is, and we'll see what happens. Just try and have a good attitude.

I think the biggest thing for me is I can see the difference, I can feel the difference just within myself out on the golf course and the confidence. What more could you ask for going into a major?

**MODERATOR:** Any more questions for Paula?

**Q. With your new swing, you're trying to build new memories, I guess. Are there a couple of shots from yesterday maybe that you'll look back on where it really worked what you were trying to do in a pressure situation?**

**PAULA CREAMER:** Yeah, like do you want specifics? I mean, well first hole, No. 1, out of the gate on that downhill lie and I had -- I think I hit a -- jeez, what did I hit in there? I think I hit a little 6 iron. Because the wind was totally different yesterday. The other days I was hitting 9- and 8-irons and I hit five, six feet. I would say just coming down the stretch, too, 16 was a great shot. 15 or 14, the par 4 before that, you know, got a little shaky on that par 3, didn't really hit a good one. But it's going to come and I'm going to have my misses here and there. My miss is right or it's a pretty good pull left, it's the same thing, just which way is it going to go.

Even in the playoff holes I hit some great iron shots there. I wish I could have maybe taken my drive a little bit farther left each time, but I just liked that little spot up there and kept hitting in a blanket. Even today, that was a good shot, just needed a couple more yards.

My confidence in my irons, I have a really good swing thought and it's a lot about my rhythm, just my grip pressure, things like that in the past was getting a little tight and just nervous. I think this definitely has helped me with, you know, feeling what it's like to be back in contention and nerves. I mean, sudden death, you've got to be on the ball and I think that that helped a lot. I did, I hit some good shots.

**Q. (Inaudible)**

**PAULA CREAMER:** I hit a little 5. We had about, I think it was, I think I had 67, 77 pin? 77 pin, we were trying to land it around 70 and it was downwind, but it was also morning so it's not going to go quite as far. My 5-iron's about a 75, 76 club and I was just trying to hit a low one and I did, I just needed a couple more yards.

**MODERATOR:** Thank you very much, best of luck next week. We look forward to seeing you.

**PAULA CREAMER:** Thank you.