

ROUND 2 INTERVIEW
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JIM BUCHHEIM: Good afternoon. I'm Jim Buchheim, community and social impact officer for American Family Insurance. I'll be a little bit of the host for today's press conference with our celebrity foursome. Our celebrity foursome host, Andy North; LPGA and Solheim Cup legend, Juli Inkster; Packers Hall of Fame quarterback Brett Favre; and Major League Baseball Hall of Famer, Derek Jeter.

I'll toss one question to you and then we'll open it up to the folks from the media and that just is, I don't know how much pressure was out there today, but could you just describe what was the experience like for you as part of the AmFam Champ Celebrity Foursome today, and Juli, I'll start with you.

JULI INKSTER: Well, since I was the rookie out there today, they're all veterans out here, it was fun. It was great to add an LPGA player this year and hope everybody enjoyed it. It's always fun. I've known Andy a long time and we've always been really good friends, but it's fun to meet different athletes that you always looked up to and that you watched. I'm a huge sports fan, so I've watched a lot of sports in my life and it was just great finally to meet them and see what great people they are.

BRETT FAVRE: It's funny because I met Juli for the first time today, but I watched her win the U.S. Open at Old Waverly in person 22 years ago?

JULI INKSTER: Yeah.

BRETT FAVRE: I know the feeling. It's been 26 years, going on 26 years since we won a Super Bowl. And having Derek back, I love Derek, was always a fan of him. Played damn good golf today for someone who says he doesn't play very much. Birdies the first hole by himself right out of the starting gates.

JULI INKSTER: It's just good coaching by me.

BRETT FAVRE: What does that say about our team?

ANDY NORTH: You didn't have much of a coach.

BRETT FAVRE: But I tell you, I had a blast as always. I'm honored to be asked back to play in this year in and year out. My back was not cooperating. I'm not making excuses, I suck

anyway, but I was glad I was able to fight through it and play. It's always great to be back in Wisconsin and see the fans, especially how they support their athletics.

JIM BUCHHEIM: Andy, can you talk about your experience today?

ANDY NORTH: It was awful. It's always a blast to get three stars to come in and join me. We've had an awful lot of fun doing this over the years. We've been able to raise a bunch of money because of it, which is fantastic, and hopefully folks out there had some fun watching. There were some good shots, there were some that weren't quite as good, but all in all it was a wonderful day. and we didn't get wet, which it didn't look like there was any chance that was going to happen.

DEREK JETER: Yeah, it was a great time. I mean, look, I grew up watching all three of these perform here. I've got to get you back.

ANDY NORTH: Old guy, old guy.

DEREK JETER: No, it was awesome. When I was first invited to this a few years ago, I was scared to death because it was televised and there's people, and I don't know if I've gotten much better but it's still a little nerve wracking when you step on the first tee, but like Juli said, I had a good coach today.

Q. Andy, you've been bringing celebrity golfers to Madison for decades. What impresses you about the experience and seeing people who haven't grown up playing golf for a living do it, especially with the two guys on either side of you today?

ANDY NORTH: I think it's always fun to see greatness out of their element and they will both admit this is not their element even though they both do very well at it. That's the thing I think that I've really enjoyed with the pro-ams over the years, you're playing with CEOs, other great athletes, but they're not in their arena and it's a whole different ballgame.

The neat thing is the respect we all have for each other and what we all have done in whatever sport it might be in. To get these three here is extra special. Been friends now, gotten to know Derek obviously a lot better over the last three or four years and known these two forever. It's just a pleasure to get folks here that want to have some fun and help us raise some money and do the right thing. And people love them here.

Q. Brett, did you watch The Match at all? And why is it always the quarterbacks that get the limelight and how would you compare your game to the four you --

BRETT FAVRE: I have to admit I didn't watch The Match. I hope that doesn't hurt anyone's feelings.

ANDY NORTH: Years ago it might have.

BRETT FAVRE: Years ago it might have. I heard it went well, I guess, but I may have been on the tractor or something like that. You know, quarterbacks do get their fair share of the glory, and quite frankly they make most of the money, especially nowadays. But, you know, that's what people want to see, I guess. I don't know if they want to see four big linemen. I would love to see four linemen dual it out. Maybe not.

ANDY NORTH: Beers every hole.

BRETT FAVRE: A choke contest.

ANDY NORTH: If you go back and look at sports in high schools, the quarterback is usually the best athlete in that class, so you've got the better athletes that are, when they pick up another sport, they usually do pretty well.

BRETT FAVRE: It's the same for baseball. Shortstop is the guy.

DEREK JETER: Thank you.

Q. Juli, when you were asked to do this, what was your reaction and did it take you long to say yes, or what was that process like for you to agree to do this?

JULI INKSTER: Usually when Andy calls me it's not good news, so I waited a little while before I called him back.

No, I mean --

ANDY NORTH: She made me beg a little bit.

JULI INKSTER: -- I love doing stuff like this. I don't play much anymore and anytime you can help out and raise money for some great charities and have fun while you're doing it, it's a win-win.

BRETT FAVRE: Don't let her fool you, she can still play.

JULI INKSTER: I've never been to Madison and I've heard nothing but great things about it. Andy took me on a little tour last night, we had a little dinner and it was fun. He's a great host.

BRETT FAVRE: Yes, he is.

Q. Brett, what's it like to come back and feel so much love so many years later just knowing that you stepped foot in Wisconsin and --

BRETT FAVRE: Yeah, it certainly beats the alternative. When I went to Minnesota, a lot of jerseys were burned, rightfully so because the rivalry is so heated. That's what really makes

it special.

But when I came back from the Hall of Fame induction, all the bad blood was gone and it was back to family and our home away from home, and every time I come back it's the same thing.

Derek made the comment outside -- we were sitting in the chairs outside -- that he was a little reluctant or worried because he's a Michigan guy, but I think his feeling is much like mine. Wisconsin fans are special, they're a different breed, probably much like Yankees fans. Everywhere you go there's a Yankees fan. Everywhere I've been, no matter walking the streets in Ireland, there's Packer fans.

And I say that because I met a couple from Denmark, I'll never forget it, that stopped me on the street in Ireland. I thought I was safe and they were huge Packer fans. I said, "How many times have you been to Lambeau?" They said, "We've never been to Lambeau, that's our bucket list."

Wisconsin fans are tried and true, and special people.

Q. Derek, can you compare the different mentalities between stepping into a batter's box and stepping into that first tee box?

DEREK JETER: Well, I was saying it earlier, everyone assumes that because you can hit a baseball, you should be able to hit a golf ball. I say yeah, I can hit it, hitting it straight is the problem. In this sport you count all your foul balls. It's a little bit different.

I think when -- anytime you're doing something that's not your profession, like we all, Brett and I, you know, football, baseball is completely different. Now you're out of your element and it's very nerve wracking when you're in front of fans, especially for the first time. Like I said outside, the first time I was invited here, I had no idea there were fans, I had no idea it was televised. If I would have known, I would not be here right now because I would have said no. So it's a little bit different, but it's been a fun time. We played obviously in a great foursome here and it's for a tremendous cause and anytime they ask, I'll come back.

ANDY NORTH: You may not get invited back after all those good shots today.

Q. Derek, going off of what Brett said, what were your interactions with the Wisconsin fans out on the course?

DEREK JETER: Fans were great. Some of them try to get on you quietly. It's a little bit different than -- you know, they'll whisper something, different from New York, and then when you turn around, they look away. No, I enjoy interacting with the fans.

But even when we played here, we played in Milwaukee early on, an American League team and we didn't play much, a couple times, but like Brett said, they're passionate sports fans.

Baseball, basketball, football, they root for their team, they support their team. So I've always respected fan bases that are very passionate about their teams.

Q. Derek, where did you learn to putt so well? You rolled in a couple of, what should have been for a guy that doesn't play for a living, knee-knocker putts in that match and it looked like it was natural.

BRETT FAVRE: So basically you just said you didn't expect me to be very good at all.

ANDY NORTH: He's that way a little bit.

DEREK JETER: Yeah, I see.

A good coach, that's the only thing I can say. A very, very good coach down there.

JULI INKSTER: He's got zero nerves, just see ball, hit ball. He doesn't have any scar tissue from years of playing golf. He did very well today.

Q. Brett, Andy's hip is bothering him, his golf game is probably not where he wants it to be, I don't know how much that matters. How good is he as an ambassador to this game, this tournament, this city?

BRETT FAVRE: Andy's awesome. I think anyone who knows Andy, first of all, there's not enough -- no, Andy's a class act. I love listening to him during the PGA events. Very humble. Even when I hit bad shots, and there's a lot of them, Andy says they're good shots. Just a great guy. I don't think there's a better person to have as your guy supporting your event and hosting than Andy. Love him, great guy. And he can play. Like I said outside, it must be boring for these two to hit it down the middle every time.

ANDY NORTH: If that was the case, we wouldn't be here today. We would have our own island.

BRETT FAVRE: You were a little off center once.

Q. Brett, you said your back was messing with you a little bit. Are you going to be able to play in the softball tournament tomorrow or are you going to get Derek maybe to sub for you?

DEREK JETER: Whoa, whoa, whoa, whoa. First of all, it's a golf thing. It's what golfers do. I hadn't seen Brett -- when was the last time we were here?

BRETT FAVRE: Three years.

DEREK JETER: Three years ago. As soon as he came, He didn't even say hello, he just started talking about I have a bad back, because they're playing against each other, right?

BRETT FAVRE: You've got to position yourself.

ANDY NORTH: Like they're selling products.

BRETT FAVRE: Now, I'll play in the softball game, but it's probably wise not to. But (indiscernible) asked me to play and my mentality is I'll second guess it afterwards. Hopefully, I'll survive it.

JULI INKSTER: You could slip Derek in there, they won't know the difference.

BRETT FAVRE: Oh, I think they'll know the difference.

MODERATOR: Have a great night, everyone.