



INTERVIEW TRANSCRIPT: ANGELA STANFORD
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MODERATOR: We would like to welcome Angela Stanford to the interview room. Congratulations on your victory.

ANGELA STANFORD: Thanks.

MODERATOR: 2-down kind of through the front 9, birdied four of the last five holes. What was the big turning point for you during the match today?

ANGELA STANFORD: Well, probably getting up and down on 11 and 12. My swing had kind of started -- started to get loose, and to be able to get it up and down from the front of the 11 and the front bunker on 12, made me think if I could figure out my golf swing, I might have a chance.

MODERATOR: You felt good after the first match earlier this morning. What were your thoughts kind of going through that front 9 when Paula was playing well and winning holes?

ANGELA STANFORD: The farther you go in this tournament, I mean, obviously people are playing well or you wouldn't be playing them. And Paula, Paula's Paula. Paula's a great player and you know you have to come with your best when you play her. I wasn't making birdies and that's what I kind of -- coming into this week, I said if I can make birdies, you know, obviously that's the deal with match play, you're hard to beat if you make birdies. You can't depend on people to make mistakes and Paula's not going to make mistakes. And the one she did make, I made one on top of it, so I needed to make birdies.

MODERATOR: Questions?

Q. You were in the same position last year playing on Sunday. Did you take anything away from last year and how to play that day?

ANGELA STANFORD: Well, to be patient. I mean, you know, my first three

matches, I won pretty quickly. I never saw 17 or 18, so you've got to know that on Sunday you're probably going to go to 17 or 18. I think that's probably why I was having a hard time on the front 9, because I was just so accustomed to being up on people at the turn and I found myself down. So I think just patience tomorrow and knowing that anything can happen.

Q. There's something about this place and match play that suits you?

ANGELA STANFORD: I love this golf course. You know, I'm not sure what it is. I love the greens. I feel like I can really see the break on these greens and I love that you have to hit longer irons. You have to be hitting it solid. It's just, you know, you can get away with your tee shots, but into the green you need to be hitting it solid and you need to know where it's going and I love golf courses like that.

Q. (Inaudible.)

ANGELA STANFORD: I'm still learning about match play. I'm not going to say that I'm a great match player just yet. I like the golf course.

Q. You got through Thursday and Friday, you're playing well. Are you sitting there going, "I'm not settling for second this year"?

ANGELA STANFORD: Well, it's such a long road. You have to win, what, six matches against the best in the world. So, you know, today I thought, you know, I've got to get back to Sunday because I feel like I didn't play my final match last year the way I wanted to, so I would like another chance, yeah.

Q. You mentioned that last year you hadn't played 17 or 18. Cristie hasn't gotten there -- the furthest she got this week was today going to 18. She's only played 60 holes. How tough is someone to beat when they're on that streak when they're just blocking people out by 13 or 14?

ANGELA STANFORD: Well, that means that they're getting up in the match early, so that means they're doing something very good right off the bat. So, you know, I have to go in tomorrow with the mindset that I have to do the same. I mean, I'm playing Kerr, is that right? She is a phenomenal putter. The girl walks it in from all over the place, so I expect she's going to birdie two or three out of the first five at least, so I have to do the same.

Q. (Inaudible.)

ANGELA STANFORD: I don't think so, and I'm not even sure -- I think we played a practice round together at Solheim and I'm not even sure how much we've played in stroke play.

Q. You said you didn't play the match you wanted to last year here in the final. What about that match bothered you? What did you learn from that?

ANGELA STANFORD: Well, you know, I wasn't hitting golf shots. I mean, I kind of got ahead of myself and I let a few mistakes early bother me. I just kind of -- I kind of checked out because I thought, well, again, I'm not up -- I'm not up early, so it's not that I didn't fight, it's just that I didn't think I could. Today the match with Paula gives me a tremendous amount of confidence going into tomorrow because, you know, as much as I believe I can do that coming down the stretch, to see it.

Q. (Inaudible) coming back today?

ANGELA STANFORD: No, I was just trying to get to tomorrow.

MODERATOR: All right. Thank you, Angela.

ANGELA STANFORD: Thanks.