



INTERVIEW TRANSCRIPT: CRISTIE KERR
Saturday, May 21, 2011 (Quarterfinal)

MODERATOR: We would like to welcome Cristie into the interview room. Congratulations on your victory today and can you take us through that last match? You and Ai, you seemed to get an early lead, and then Ai made a few good putts and then you were able to kind of get things together again.

CRISTIE KERR: Yeah, it was a great match, I think closer than the score indicated. I started off great, made birdie and she made a long putt for birdie on the 2nd hole when I was in there tight and I missed the putt. We both missed several short putts today for birdie. It was where we both seemed to make the long ones and miss the short ones. You know, it was close until, you know, I was able to get the 3-up lead. I think -- was I 2-up or 3-up after nine? 3-up after nine. Made a long putt for birdie on 9 and she made a great approach into the 10th hole and birdied 10 and 11 and, and seemed like she was going to make birdie on 12 as well and we were going to be all square, but she missed a short birdie putt and I was able to hit it tight on the next hole and kind of never looked back from there. You know, I won -- I was 1-up and I won 13 and I won 15. And then, you know, I was a little friskier with the birdie putt on the par 3 than I wanted to be but I was able to close out the match.

MODERATOR: Questions?

CRISTIE KERR: But we both played well.

Q. On the short putt on I think it was 12, did that give you some momentum, kind of open the door for you? How did you look at that after she missed that?

CRISTIE KERR: Absolutely. You know, she was on a roll and that kind of stopped her momentum and kind of lifted me up a little bit. And after that hole we had six holes to go and I was 1-up and I said if I can get another one or two holes with a couple to go, I'm in good shape, and that's what I was able to do. Huge birdie for me on 13 and I made a long putt on 15 for birdie and that kind of was the nail in the coffin, so it was good that it kind of came together at the end for me.

Q. What did you hit into 13? I think --

CRISTIE KERR: 6, yeah, I knocked it like a foot.

Q. I believe that if the score holds up, you would play Paula in the semi's. I presume there's a relationship there? Tell me what you think about that match, what you think about playing her, if you do play her?

CRISTIE KERR: For sure. I mean, I look forward to it. I had a feeling we were going to meet in semi's. She's a good player, a good match player and it's going to be a tough match, They're all -- at this stage of the game they're all tough and I've just got to go out and keep doing what I'm doing, playing my own game, and putting pressure on the person I'm playing against and that seemed to work so far.

Q. (Inaudible.)

CRISTIE KERR: I don't know. Sometimes you just get feelings about who's going to win that week or who you're going to play in a match. I don't know, maybe I'm clairvoyant or psychic, I don't know.

Q. (Inaudible) match play?

CRISTIE KERR: I have, yeah, long time ago, but I played with her, you know, being -- I know her very well, she's been my Solheim partner a couple times so I know what to expect.

Q. You haven't gone past, I think, 16 all week. Is that going to work in your favor?

CRISTIE KERR: I hope so. I mean, the 17th and 18th holes are pretty straightforward, so I played them in the practice round and I've been here year after year, so I think -- I guess, I don't know, I think it's all right.

Q. (Inaudible.)

CRISTIE KERR: Oh, yeah, at this stage of the game you want to save holes, you know? Playing however many -- I played 32 instead of 36 holes. Yesterday I didn't play very many, so you've got to think that adds up.

Q. Just to stay calm out there and handle, you know, the momentum changes because it was like after 9 you make that bomb there, you look like you're in charge, and then two holes later it's almost completely reversed?

CRISTIE KERR: Yeah, that's match play. That's why it's golf kind of in its purest form. No matter what, you have to stay calm and play your own game. If somebody

hits a good shot, you hit a good shot, instead of putting so much pressure on yourself. That's kind of the way match play is and that's why it's great for people to watch and it's great for fans.

Q. Kind of piggybacking off of what he was asking earlier, is that kind of the approach this week, because you have to play so much, you know, when include the practice rounds and everything, just to play just enough but not too many holes?

CRISTIE KERR: Yeah, hopefully. Hopefully you can close them out on the 12th hole every day, but that's not the way it works. At this stage of the game, it's an endurance contest as much as it is a golf contest and it's great that I'm done early again. It's great that I was in the bracket that I teed off early every day and got that extra little bit of rest, so I'm happy where I am.

Q. So you know what to expect from Paula. Could you expand on that a little bit?

CRISTIE KERR: She's a tough match player and she's got a great fierce will as do I. She's a good match player.

Q. (Inaudible.)

CRISTIE KERR: It's hard to say. I mean, I think we're both great American players and, I mean, we both have great wills and great hearts, so I don't know. I don't know if you can necessarily give one person the edge in that.