



**INTERVIEW TRANSCRIPT: CRISTIE KERR**  
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**MODERATOR:** Cristie, thanks for coming in. Obviously not the way you would have wanted it to end, but take us through your day today.

**CRISTIE KERR:** Well, I feel like I played great. Putting on the back nine really killed me. I don't know, just struggling a little bit physically. I didn't feel that great on the back. You know, my eyes got really tired and, you know, it was hard to see the line and to feel the speed and I missed some putts I don't normally miss, so maybe that had part to do with it. I wasn't nervous over any of those putts so obviously that's what it was.

But, I mean, no excuse. I fought hard and I battled and she played great and hardly didn't make any mistakes and I just wasn't able to capitalize once she started getting in trouble on the back because I played beautifully. I made some really unbelievable iron shots. That's the way it goes.

**MODERATOR:** Just talk about how the course played this week. Obviously a ton of rain. Everybody has to play the same course, but how did it fit you to get to the final.

**CRISTIE KERR:** I played really solidly. I hit my irons great this week and that was a big factor in putting me in a position to make a lot of birdies and I was able to do that. I made quite a few birdies today as well, so that's what helped me get to the finals.

**MODERATOR:** Questions?

**Q. Cristie, what does a week like this take out of you mentally as well as physically, six rounds of golf in four days against this kind of competition?**

**CRISTIE KERR:** Well, I think you're looking at it. I'm one tired golfer right now and I'm disappointed, but I left it all out there. You know, when you're all playing well, it really comes down to the putting and she putt better in the final round, in the championship round than I did. I might have hit it closer, but she putt better. That's what it boiled down to.

**Q. Physically, you mean by just plain tired? Nothing else going on, right?**

**CRISTIE KERR:** Oh, yeah.

**Q. And when did you start to feel that way?**

**CRISTIE KERR:** A little bit towards the end of the front nine on the last round. But, you know, I mean, that's the way it goes I ate as much as I could, I had a 5-Hour ENERGY and I just wish she would have just let me putt that last one, that would have been fun.

**Q. You figured on making that obviously?**

**CRISTIE KERR:** Oh, yeah. But she knew that, that's why she made it, because she knew I was going to make it, because she had to make it to win.

**Q. Cristie, can you talk a little about the morning match? You had a lot of putts that were -- coming down that second nine, you had a lot of putts that were crucial putts that you were holing.**

**CRISTIE KERR:** Yeah, it's hard to remember that right now because that seems like 24 hours ago, but yeah, I was able to really, you know, turn it on at the end of that match and was able to win it on 18. We obviously both missed the green and I was in the spot where you had to miss it, so that's what got me to the finals.

**Q. Your lie on 15 in this last match, front right of the green, the barn hole?**

**CRISTIE KERR:** Yes.

**Q. From where we stood, we couldn't see it, the way you hit it. It looked like not a very good lie, is that accurate?**

**CRISTIE KERR:** By the green?

**Q. Yeah, the one you ran through the green.**

**CRISTIE KERR:** No, it was fine. I just -- you know, my feel started to kind of go on the back nine a little bit and I wasn't soft enough with it and it was really fast down valley towards the barn. Actually, I lipped that putt out. That was one of the better putts that I hit on the back, so I lost the match.

**Q. As you're getting tired sort of down the last couple holes there, when you're missing putts and having them lip out so closely, how much is it taking out of you mentally when you're seeing it's a good line and then it just kind of curls in**

**and curls right back out?**

**CRISTIE KERR:** Well, the putts that I missed I hit bad putts. They weren't like miss hits; they were shoves, they were pushed. And I probably -- you know, this late in the day, this late in the tournament with everything that both of us have gone through, I probably just didn't -- you know, I wasn't braced enough over the putts and had enough weight on my left side to stay still, because I definitely had a lot of movement on those putts and that's just not like me. I'm not going to read too much into it, but I will try and learn from it if I'm in the situation again, especially like in the Solheim cup coming up, that I'm going to have to keep more weight on my left side and hit those putts down the line.

**Q. You're one of the few Tour players that call Manhattan home at least part of the time. Does it feel a little bit like a home game this week playing here?**

**CRISTIE KERR:** Not really. I mean, it's quite a distance from Manhattan. It's familiar, but it doesn't feel like home. I would love to spend more time in Manhattan but I only get to spend maybe 30 days a year, 40 days a year. Manhattan's a great place, it really is.

**MODERATOR:** All right, Cristie. Thanks so much for coming in.

**CRISTIE KERR:** Thanks, guys.