



INTERVIEW TRANSCRIPT: PAULA CREAMER
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MODERATOR: We would like to welcome Paula Creamer to the interview room. Congratulations on your win. Can you just take us through the match? I know it was a tightly fought one right up until the end.

PAULA CREAMER: Yes. I won the 2nd hole, a par 5, and then we had -- sorry, I have to think about it; a lot we went on out there today. Won the 2nd, par 5. Won the 4th and then lost the 5th. I 3-putted the 5th. Well, she 3-putted the 4th and I 3-putted the 5th. Then we were all square. Well, I was one up and I bogeyed 10. I hit a great shot and the fairway was just -- I chose the wrong club there. I hit it over the green. I had a very difficult up-and-down and she hit it to about eight feet. Then from there on we did the same thing. We would give or take -- someone would hit it close and then miss, then someone would hit it close again and then miss, so it was kind of a battle of who's going to make it first.

But, you know, overall I played very steady. The misses out here with your irons, they're much more drastic than what we're used to because the ground is just so soft, so it becomes a ball striking contest for sure. Ultimately putting is the competition out here because you can just fly the ball to the flag. But overall it was a very good match with Webby. It was a hard one, just grinding it out constantly.

MODERATOR: Kind of take us to the 18th hole. You come in all square and kind of have that opportunity on the final hole to take it.

PAULA CREAMER: I didn't hit a very good drive on that hole. I was actually into the wettest part of the golf course out there. I didn't get it down to the right tier and hit a good 3-wood and I had about 75 yards and I hit a little -- I watched a bunch of girls yesterday hit wedges into that hole when they came through 18 when I was putting and they were just spinning it off the front of the green. So luckily I watched that yesterday and both of us flew it a little past the hole thinking it would spin back, and mine spun a little bit and hers didn't event move, I mean, it went this far, which was shocking. But hit a good shot to about five feet, not quite -- it was a leave that I wanted above the hole left-to-right, but those are the moments where I told myself on

the green, this is why you play the game, for these moments right here. Having that five-footer, you have to make it to win, and that was kind of fun having that feeling again.

MODERATOR: Questions?

Q. Paula, how were the speed of the greens affected by all the wet weather? Were they consistent from one green to the next or were there some differences?

PAULA CREAMER: You know, I struggled a bit with my feet out there today. At the beginning I was hitting it five, six feet past the hole and in the middle of the round I wasn't even getting it to the hole. I don't know if early on the ball was kind of skidding with the rain, it was just kind of jumping over, and as the day went on they just kind of absorbed the water. But they're not slow by any means. You would think that because of all the rain they would be, but they're not. The greens are rolling really well, so that's a good thing, especially in wet conditions. There's spike marks everywhere, but they're not too bad.

Q. You talked yesterday about this is the kind of match you like to play. Did it live up to expectations? Was it as much fun?

PAULA CREAMER: No, it was. We were joking around out there and having a good time, but it comes down to making birdies and making putts. It was neat. It was fun to be in that situation not only for the time but for the future as well. Going against one of the greatest players and just building up that confidence and putting it in my memory bank for later in the year or wherever it's going to come about. But I love match play and Webby is -- she's a strong player and so I knew I had to come out and play my -- play a good game of golf. I came out on top this time.

Q. On 17, after she missed the birdie putt, we were all sitting there going, "How can she give her that putt?" Was there any thought in your mind maybe making her putt that again?

PAULA CREAMER: No, I mean, it was about two feet. You know, it's -- you know, it depends on what you want to do, I guess I'm a person, you know, I know that she -- I would rather win it the other way. Obviously I was going to make her putt the one on the last hole, that was a good three-and-a-half feet, but you pick and choose your putts out there. I don't go out there and say, "You have to make a 1-footer" by any means. I don't really think that's the way that you should play. But sometimes that's how people do it and if that's how they're going to do it, then I'm going to do it, too. But it all comes down to who's going to make the birdies in my mind. I mean, if it gets out of hand, I'm going to make them putt it.

MODERATOR: All right? Thank you.