



INTERVIEW TRANSCRIPT: SUZANN PETTERSEN
Saturday, May 21, 2011 (Quarterfinal)

MODERATOR: We would like to welcome Suzann Pettersen in the interview room. Congratulations on the victory today. Can you just talk a little bit about the match? I know you guys had a lot of back and forth over that back nine.

SUZANN PETTERSEN: Yeah, well, I got off to a very good start, played very, very good. I mean, I played with Yani one time back home, we practiced, we played a match play last weekend. We know our games pretty solid in and out. But I got off to a great start. I kind of gave her -- I think I could have gone even deeper on the front nine and left the door halfway open going into the back and she made a few pretty good birdies. We both screwed up on 12. I felt like had I taken it back to 2, it might have been a different case. And then we tied that and she wins 13 and 14. So it kind of bounced back and forth, but at the end it comes down to who makes the last putt and I think I was lucky to get my ball in the hole first.

MODERATOR: Questions?

Q. Did you play her last weekend? You said you played match play?

SUZANN PETTERSEN: Yeah, I played her at my club. I won.

Q. Oh, just a little -- what'd you win by?

SUZANN PETTERSEN: Well, she didn't have a chance.

Q. How long was that last putt?

SUZANN PETTERSEN: I don't know, it was maybe eight feet and hers was seven?

Q. Do you like this format? Do you like match play? Does that suit your personality?

SUZANN PETTERSEN: Well, I'm definitely getting the most out of this course. I've

been to 18 three out of four times. I mean, yes, I love match play, but it's all about momentum and I feel like my game is in good shape and I feel like I attack a lot of pins. I've been making a lot of birdies over the last four rounds, kind of leave it on the back today but that's what you've got to do, you just have to try to wear you're opponents out by just giving yourself a look. It's worked so far.

Q. Are you falling in love with 18? I mean, Gulbis, Lewis --

SUZANN PETTERSEN: It's been good to me so far.

Q. Going down that hole, are you sitting there going, "I've had success her before, I expect success"?

SUZANN PETTERSEN: No. Hitting that third shot, I'm trying to make it because, as you know, Yani's going to try to make hers, at least get it very close. It's a shame they don't move the tee up because then you might see some -- last year we were all going for it last year. They can move us up a little bit on the tee box and you might see people going for it and then it will be more of a -- I mean, as it sits now, it'll be who makes the putt pretty much.

Q. One of the LPGA people was saying you're under the weather this week. Is that true?

SUZANN PETTERSEN: Yeah, I had a flu early, I was probably at my worst on Friday -- Thursday, first round. That was a bit of a struggle. I played with flu and I think that was the last bit of it. And 36 today, just got to love that.

Q. (inaudible) on 18 Thursday as well, if I'm not mistaken?

SUZANN PETTERSEN: Yeah, that was a tap-in. That's a tough pin because you're almost better off getting closer so you don't get too much spin on it. If you're coming in with a full shot, it's a nightmare, you're going to spin off. So I just tried to get within a certain range where I knew I could control the spin. It was perfect for me. I kind of feel bad for Yani, she made a great effort on the back, but that's kind of how it goes.

Q. Birdied it yesterday, too?

SUZANN PETTERSEN: Yes.

Q. So every time?

SUZANN PETTERSEN: The three times I've been there.

Q. Have you played Choi before in match play?

SUZANN PETTERSEN: Good question. I don't think so. I've been playing behind her for the last three rounds. Hasn't helped me much. You've got to go out tomorrow and what I'm trying to do, try to build my own score. I don't really try to play her. It's been working so far. I've been playing good, making a lot of birdies and that's what you want to do, get the putter hot.

Q. Can you talk about your expectations coming into this season?

SUZANN PETTERSEN: Yeah, I mean, obviously I had a great year last year without winning. It was probably my best season ever. I mean, if you count wins or not, my game felt really good last year and I can't complain. I don't know what I had, six or seven second places and pretty much all top 10s. Worked pretty hard over the winter and just felt like I came off a really slow start. Even at Kraft my game didn't really feel that great, I was kind of not searching, but it just wasn't clicking. Just played a lot before Mobile and then I found it. It's amazing because you can work so hard, you can try to do all this stuff and the timing might be slightly off or it's just the sequence of it, and all of a sudden, Mobile was a good turnaround, I felt like my game was there. The first time I felt like I had a chance to actually win. It's just stayed like that. Now I'm pretty -- in a good part, I guess. It's been nice. It's been a slow start. Thank God we haven't played that many tournaments. It's hard to get your game going when you don't play that much. Sometimes that's what you need, just to go out and play and kind of see what the game gives you when you play one tournament and then you have three weeks off. So I've been just trying to play -- I played a lot at home. I just played almost 9 or 18 not every day but at least four solid rounds of golf a week.

MODERATOR: Any more questions? Thank you very much.