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LEGENDS AT SPARKS MARINA RENO-TAHOE OPEN SECOND ROUND INTERVIEW TRANSCRIPT AUGUST 1, 2008

AN INTERVIEW WITH NICK FLANAGAN

THE MODERATOR: We would like to welcome Nick Flanagan into the interview room at the LEGENDS Reno-Tahoe Open.

Nick, 7-under, 65 today, that was great play. We'll just get some comments on the day.

NICK FLANAGAN: Yes, I mean I scored very well out there. I didn't feel like I hit the ball that great, but I just went forward and hit fairways and hit a few greens and made putts when I needed to. I definitely left a few out there. I think I got lucky a couple of times today and made the most of it.

Q. You won three times on the Nationwide Tour last year, earned the 3-win promotion. Also, you won Player-of-the-Year honors on that Tour. Tell us a little bit about the adjustments from the Nationwide Tour to the PGA TOUR and how it seems the last few weeks here you are turning the corner.

NICK FLANAGAN: Yes, I just been struggling a lot this year with my technique and just got into a bad habit and haven't been really able to get out of it. I've hit a lot more golf balls this year which has been tough. I haven't seen my coach enough.

But I kind of figured coming out the last couple of weeks here, it's still not great, but I feel more confident going out to the golf course every day whereas before, it felt like I was just going out there to do the same thing and struggle every week. But I feel like I can go out there and shoot numbers. I had a couple of good weeks lately and hopefully I can have a good weekend.

THE MODERATOR: Questions?

Q. What struggles were you having; you talked about the habits you picked up?

NICK FLANAGAN: Yes, just my back swing on my golf swing right now is flat on the way back. Just everything is kind of an over-the-top mode coming down. I hit a lot of shots left all year and it's just been progressive; chipping, putting, everything just starts getting in that same kind of cycle.

When I have a couple of weeks off my body relaxes, it's a little bit better but it just tends to go back to the same position and it's a matter of getting a feeling that gets me in the position I need to be in, and I feel like I'm getting closer to be able to duplicate that every week.

Q. Nick, have you played here before in Reno?

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NICK FLANAGAN: Yes, this was one of my first events. Actually my second TOUR event when I toured pro back in '04.

Q. You know the history, a number of guys have scored their first victory at this tournament, have gone on and really done well for themselves. What is your approach to this week, is this one where you think you can be in the hunt on Sunday?

NICK FLANAGAN: Yes, this is a good week for a lot of young guys who really haven't had that many starts this year, or finished down in Q-School or finished down the bottom 25 on the Nationwide list. Events like these are really good for those guys and it's good for me. I haven't had problems getting into events. I've played lots of golf this year. The fields are just a little bit weaker. But the course is set up really good out there. It's pretty firm. I'm looking forward to it; hopefully, I'll keep hitting greens on the weekend. The putter feels pretty good and hopefully it will keep going.

Q. Do you look for a pretty low score to win this thing?

NICK FLANAGAN: Yes. Every now and then, someone will keep going really low, but it seems to me after the first two rounds, whoever is leading, it usually doesn't creep a whole lot lower than that. Parker is playing well, 10-under out there today is a great score. I don't think the scoring will go backwards on the weekend unless there is a lot of wind out. I have to play pretty well to catch the leader and get 17 or 18-under par over the weekend.

Q. Nick, about the playability of the golf course, you had the afternoon round yesterday and you had the morning round today. Was the course any softer for you or did that change your course management strategy at all?

NICK FLANAGAN: I don't really think it was any softer. Yesterday, on the downwind holes to the greens you really had to land the ball short of the hole. If you had 150 yards to the hole, you had to land it 140 at the most. It would take one big hop down-breeze.

The wind got up a little bit this morning. I'm not so sure what it did yesterday morning. But it's starting to kick up out there now. And the greens will definitely get firmer and firmer in the afternoon. Hopefully, the wind blows hard this afternoon and gives me a little bit of a breather.

(Scorecard.)

THE MODERATOR: Nick, keep it going this weekend.

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