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**LEGENDS AT SPARKS MARINA RENO-TAHOE OPEN
ROUND THREE INTERVIEW TRANSCRIPT
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AN INTERVIEW WITH PARKER MCLACHLIN

THE MODERATOR: Once again, we welcome Parker McLachlin into the interview room. You followed up a nice round yesterday with another really nice round today. What are your thoughts?

PARKER MCLACHLIN: One more good round. Yes, I've been hitting the ball well. Everything has just been real solid and, you know, just been really fighting to stay in the present and not think about anything but the shot I've got in hand. It's nice to have control of my golf ball and it's a fun feeling because this game, it can beat you down so much, and to have the feeling of control, whether it's for one week or a couple of weeks out of the entire year. You know, Tiger gets it a lot. But to have control, it's really fun, and I am just having a lot of fun just playing got golf right now.

THE MODERATOR: Let's take some questions.

Q. Can you talk about you made a couple of good chips, you were in trouble, the ball was buried, can you go through those couple of holes for us?

PARKER MCLACHLIN: Let's see, No. 2, yes, it was not an easy shot. I thought I hit it perfect and it ended up 10 feet away. I made a great putt there. That really settled me down. I had a great chip on 17, a great chip on 16. You know, those are the kind of shots that I really enjoy there. They bring out the creativity in me and those are the shots as a kid you just sit in for hours and practice those shots. You know, those are fun shots to me. Those don't scare me or really frighten me. It's more fun to try to pull a high flop shot off like that. I hope I really don't have too many more of those tomorrow.

Q. Your shot on 5, I think it was, drove the green, the eagle, apparently Larry Mize was putting out, did you go up and say anything to him, or is that just the way the ball bounces sometimes?

PARKER MCLACHLIN: Yes. If we would have seen them at all the rest of the day I would have said something, but because you can't see it at all. You can't see it around the corner. I didn't think I was going to get it to the green. I was just trying to get it short of the green. I only flew my drive about 200 yards. It must have rolled another 150. Yes, I would have said something to him if I would have seen him. But, you know, I think -- did it hit off of his foot? I don't know.

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Q. Also I know last year I think it was you had a big lead and it wasn't a very pleasant memory. Do you use that to your advantage this time?

PARKER MCLACHLIN: Most definitely. You know, I learned a ton from that day. You know, I had some extenuating circumstances, my caddy had gone down with -- he was like dehydrated, had to go to the ER on Friday. He left midway through the round, and I picked up a different guy on Saturday, and my caddy tried to loop it again on Sunday. So I'm worried about him.

I'm thinking that I've got such a big lead, and it was my first time having a lead, and I didn't really approach it the right way and learned a lot from it. And, definitely, I think I'm a different player now than I was then, just with the control of my game. That one, I looked past the finish line too early and this one I'm looking forward to the first shot on the first hole tomorrow. That's as far as I'm going to go.

Q. This is the 54-hole scoring record, do you have any thoughts about that?

PARKER MCLACHLIN: For the tournament?

Q. Yes.

PARKER MCLACHLIN: Yes, I didn't leave too many shots out there. I didn't give too many away. Yes, something to be proud of, but it's not a 54-hole golf tournament. I need to go and play a good solid round tomorrow and then we will talk about the end of the tournament. 54-holes is great, but that's not what I'm here for.

Q. Parker, you got a great break on 16, talk a little bit about that hole. It's a tougher hole than it looks. Give us kind of a player's perspective, with the ambience, with the shot you faced, with the band and everything that goes with it?

PARKER MCLACHLIN: You just get through playing 3 really good par-4's and you come to this par-3, and you are standing back in the cove of these trees. It's hard to feel the wind, but you see the flag stick rustling, and you see the water moving. It's not an easy shot. And, you know, you definitely got to think about putting the ball on land first. And all three of us got fooled by the wind on that hole. John and I both. It was tough for me to go first. You're not sure which way the wind is blowing. You think it's straight into you. I thought I hit a pretty good shot, I hit it solid. And I see it moving left. It was almost like it just pierced right through the wind, and I thought it might just go forever. That was such a great break.

But it's a tough little hole because if that wind is coming into you off the right, now you got to start it over the water and hope the wind will take it back, and you are not sure if it does. So the safer play is to hit a cut and hold it up against the wind. Mine tried to cut, then it started drawing. It's just a challenging hole especially with being the third to the last hole.

Q. Follow up on that, what is the atmosphere like there? The crowd, the band, is it one of the crazier holes you play on TOUR all year?

PARKER MCLACHLIN: Yes, people are pretty enthusiastic there. It's a nice feeling to step up and have some people going crazy for a shot that gets over the water and to make birdie, for them to go crazy for that. It's got a great ambience. I think it could be built up more in future years. I think it could become like FBR, No. 16 at FBR.

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Q. Who in your family did you talk to after your round yesterday?

PARKER MCLACHLIN: Who in my family?

Q. Yes.

PARKER MCLACHLIN: I had dinner with my mom and dad and talked to my wife and that's about it. My wife is not here. She is in Phoenix still. You know, this is an unexpected trip for me. I just made the decision on Monday to come out here. This is my 6th week in a row and I usually don't like to go much more than 3.

But like I said, in Canada, on Saturday and Sunday I was just having so much fun playing the game. Golf beats you down so much, that if you are having fun, you got to keep going because there is a lot of times where you are having to grind it out. Especially out here on Tour, you got to grind it out on a weeks that you're not playing well.

And for me, I'm having so much playing, let's go play another week. It was funny, I made the same decision last year going to play that Nationwide event. I felt like my game was coming around in Greensboro and I missed the cut, and right on Friday there I wasn't going to be playing for a month because of the FedExCup. I wasn't in any before FedEx.

I wasn't going to be playing for a month and I was having so much fun playing, even though I missed the cut, I just felt good. I said where is the Nationwide Tour?

A half hour after I finished playing I committed to the Nationwide event and nearly won that. Kind of a similar situation, you have to pay attention to your body. When you are having a good time, go play. When you're not, go home.

So second year on TOUR definitely helps bring those things -- you realize those things a little bit more clearly.

Q. This tournament has kind of bucked the trend a little bit. The last three years, the first-round leader has won this tournament. I guess that's only about a 25-percent clip. You are the second round leader. Why is it you think early round leaders tend to do well here?

PARKER MCLACHLIN: I'm not sure. Well, I didn't shoot it in the first round. I'm not sure why. I know that it's a tough thing to go wire-to-wire. Maybe, you know, this golf course may, if you like it the first time around, and you put up a good number, you may just have good feelings the rest of the way. It's such an appealing golf course to look at. It's beautiful. The elevation changes, and the pine trees and Lake Tahoe, the mountains right behind you. It's just such a gorgeous setting, and I think that maybe if you get those good feelings going early, you just hold on to them the rest of the week.

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THE MODERATOR: Parker, thank you very much. We appreciate you coming in.

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