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## JoAnne Carner

### Press Conference

THE MODERATOR: We welcome JoAnne Carner to the flash interview area here at the sixth U.S. Senior Women's Open Championship. You played a little better today. You shot an 80. That's a pretty good score.

JOANNE CARNER: You know, it was a lot better. I played a lot of very good shots and then I played some just atrocious shots. But overall it wasn't too bad.

**Q. Back-to-back birdies on 2 and 3 and almost had a hole-in-one on 3. Can you talk about those two birdies.**

JOANNE CARNER: Yeah, the par-5, I hit a wedge in there about six feet and ran that in for birdie. The next hole is a long par-3, and I think it was about 165 yards, and I hit my 5-wood two inches from the hole. It was going right at it. If it had had one more turn, I'd have had a hole-in-one. But I was very happy because the day before I hit the green and four-putted. It was revenge.

**Q. When you saw the ball in the air, did you think it had a chance?**

JOANNE CARNER: I knew I hit it well. I was asking it to move a little more right, but the slope of the green did that.

**Q. Yesterday you talked about how fast the greens were. Were they about the same speed or slower today?**

JOANNE CARNER: They were slow, and I never got -- I tried to lighten my touch to see if I could start getting better feel on these greens, but that made it worse. Then I was short all day. I really did not putt well. If I were putting halfway decent, I'd have made three, maybe four more birdies.

**Q. What did you like about your game today, especially since yesterday you didn't think you played that well?**



JOANNE CARNER: I tried to stay with my routine, to hit the ball better, and then I'd go haywire and take it straight up and then drop-kick it. The love-hate with that 5-wood, I either hit it very good, up for birdies, or I chunked it 30 yards, 50 yards, whatever.

**Q. Most folks would be happy breaking their age by five strokes. How do you feel about it?**

JOANNE CARNER: Well, I'd have been happier with a round in the 70s. Could have done it easy.

**Q. I was going to ask you, yesterday you said you were going to finish off the day with maybe a cocktail. Same response today?**

JOANNE CARNER: Well, let me tell you, by the time we finished last night, I was three and a half hours past my cocktail hour. It was 8:30 at night by the time I had a cocktail, and by that time I crashed because we didn't get off the golf course until late.

**Q. Then you had to deal with weather delays your whole life, and today we started three and a half hours late. What do you do to wait around or how do you pass the time and get yourself ready to play when you're delayed like that?**

JOANNE CARNER: Well, it started off, I set the alarm for 6:15 because of my 8:54 tee time, and at 5:18 I get a text and I hear it ring right near the bed at 5:18 this morning. Got that, then I read it, said they were going to be delayed. Forgot to shut my alarm off, so just got to sleep and at 6:15 the alarm went. So I laid there for a while and finally just got up, moseyed around the room, and then a motel room you've got to get out of there. So I came over here, had something to eat, and then just walked around.

I went up, I did some stretching with the therapist up there and those boots they put on your legs. That's the first time I've done that. Felt great. They massage your blood flow back up your legs.

**Q. What's next on your golfing agenda or schedule for the year?**

JOANNE CARNER: Playing with just friends. No more tournaments. That's it.



