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Annika Sorenstam

Quick Quotes

(In progress.)

ANNIKA SORENSTAM: So many people, the neighbors, our friends, family, and all the support from everywhere, so it's really nice.

Q. Did you come into this week expecting to be in a playoff to win?

ANNIKA SORENSTAM: No. Not really. I'm not really sure what I expected. Overall I'm super, super pleased. I've had quite a great pairing I've had all week with Jessica, with Gaby and then with Nelly and then with both of them again.

Derek is such a nice guy, super nice guy. Got know him a little bit yesterday. Again, playing with John Smoltz and today, I mean, it's just great pairings, good week, fantastic, thank you Hilton Grand Vacations, Lake Nona, everybody for being here and putting this tournament together.

Q. When do you think you'll play again?

ANNIKA SORENSTAM: Not really sure. I looked at the weather forecast and I'm not going to play next week. It looks a little chilly.

Q. How would you assess your game? I know you're still the fiery competitive Annika. I know are some things you would've wanted back or to redo.

ANNIKA SORENSTAM: Yeah, it's funny, I been really searching for that swing thought all week, and then I hit a bad second shot on 5 and I felt something.

Mike and I were talking and we just decided why not just kind of keep your left elbow in coming through. After that I actually played quite well the last 13 holes. Wish I would've found that earlier, but I been trying for quite sometime to find the right thought that I could repeat.



Yeah, I'm going to take a few days off obviously, and hopefully Will, so I can go back with him. That's the most important. It's a PGA show, so we have a fun week coming up with some busy engagements and meetings with sponsors, and then we're heading to Cincinnati to do our first canning of Fizzy Beez, so that's going to be exciting. I got some fun stuff coming up. We'll see.

I am playing something in Tucson in end of February and then playing in a senior event in Portugal in March, so that's about what I have the next few months coming up.

Q. You played two competitive events here at Lake Nona. How fun has it been to play at your home course where you can just drive your golf cart? It's a whole different experience, I'm sure.

ANNIKA SORENSTAM: It is. Yeah, no, it's fun. I mean, that's really the reason I play. If this tournament was in any other course I probably wouldn't be playing. Obviously this week is different than a regular LPGA event, but that's why I came here in the first place. It's great to come here. The support is fantastic. I love this golf course. I want it congratulate Brandon and his team. It's in superb shape. The greens are rolling so beautifully, the fairways.

I mean, I'm proud of this place. It looks really, really nice. The food, hospitality, I'm a proud member for sure.

Q. On 18 in regulation, how nice was it to have to have that up and down and to execute?

ANNIKA SORENSTAM: Yeah, of course. I mean, it's playing a little longer than I wanted. Ended up right there on the rough and kind of sitting down type of lie. So, yeah, the up and down meant a lot.

I walked over and spoke to Derek. I said, How many playoffs have you been in? He said he's been in -- this was his first one. It's been my first one in a long time, too. Even though on my record I have a few more than he does.

It is just nice to come back. Now I'm tired. I know that tonight I'm going to put my feet up and going to crash. When you don't play that well you're really on your toes all the time. It's up and downs that matter.



So, yeah, I'm just pooped right now. Just going to relax and do nothing.

Q. Do you have any New Year's resolutions you could share?

ANNIKA SORENSTAM: You know, I really don't. Doesn't mean -- I do need to improve on a few things, but nothing really in particular.

Just life is good. I try to make the most out of every day. Being a good mom is probably my No. 1; No. 2 is being a good wife; and then golf and everything else is tied for 3rd.

I really don't, but hopefully every day becomes better than the previous one.

Q. As you think back on your career, was there a specific tip that stood out to you that was like a game changer throughout your career?

ANNIKA SORENSTAM: There's been several tips. Not necessarily like a swing tip or like a putting tip or anything. It's more my dad told me a long time ago there are no shortcuts to success. Keep on working. Face the fears is another one I keep on thinking in my mind.

Go out there and step up to the ball or whatever you got to do. I especially do that with my kids, trying to be a good role model. Hopefully they get something out of this week, that I didn't give up and I kept trying, and that's really what life is about. You might not have all the best tools in your bag, get all the best bounces, but keep on fighting and you never know what's going to happen.

It's great week, and that's really what I'm going to take out of it.

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