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Lindy Duncan

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THE MODERATOR: All right, very pleased to be joined by Lindy Duncan here at The Chevron Championship. Lindy, obviously this tournament last year holds a very special spot in your heart I'm sure. What do you remember about the playoff last year and everything that went into it?

LINDY DUNCAN: Yeah, I can't believe it's been a year. Feels like it was not that long ago. A lot has happened since then, a lot of good things.

When I think back to last year I just remember how much fun I had on the course. My game was in a good spot and just enjoyed playing the course. The playoff was wild because there was five players and all of us teeing off on the 18th hole, that was a pretty cool scene.

The finish was really exciting. So just a lot of good memories.

Q. Like I said, been a year. Do you feel different as a player, on the course, off the course, anything?

LINDY DUNCAN: Not really. (Laughter.)

Q. New track this week, Memorial Park. What are your impressions of the course?

LINDY DUNCAN: Yeah, it's really long. We got a lot of rain the last couple days. Hopefully doesn't rain too much the rest of the day today because it's really soft.

But it's a very interesting course. There is a lot to the green complexes and if you hit your approach shots good you can have some good chances. But it's going to be playing super long so it'll be tough.

Q. The LPGA put out a continuation of your LPGA DriveOn presented by Ford story yesterday. That feature detailed much of what happened at Chevron last year. Speak to what reliving that moment you had and that incredible finish at Carlton Woods last year.

LINDY DUNCAN: Yeah, that was a really fun experience.

Thank you for letting me do that and being a part of it because I had a lot of fun with you and Joey and Roberta. It was really cool to relive that story and all the things that went into that story from a few years prior to when I wasn't sure if I was going to keep playing.

It was really cool to have that moment and then to be able to talk about what led to it.

Q. You become a role model feels like for your fellow athletes in terms of mental health and really being not afraid to speak out about those things. Seen Ingrid posted some things. I would like to think that started with a post you made last year at Black Desert. What does that mean to feel the support of your fellow players and have them understand what you were trying to communicate with that story?

LINDY DUNCAN: Yeah, that's really cool. I think the more we talk about our lives and what's really going on the better. The more everyone feels like they're a part of a bigger community than just out playing for yourself or by yourself, I think those are all good things.

It can be tough at times, especially when things on the golf course are not going exactly the way you want. It's very easy to kind of get down about it. So I think the more we can lift each other up I think the better.

Hopefully my story will help some people who are in that position kind of feel like there is light and there is a way out.

Q. I know you say you haven't changed much, but how do you feel like you evolved as an athlete and as a person since this time last season?

LINDY DUNCAN: I still am working on and thinking about a lot of the same things. Trying to keep pushing, to keep getting better, especially with my game; tackling different golf courses and trying to hit new shots.

So I feel very much in the same kind of routine. I think when you're traveling a lot it's very much the same.



So I haven't had a whole lot of time at home to kind of analyze too much. It's kind of just play mode right now which is also very fun.

Q. What's been the reaction over these months from sharing your story? Maybe the best parts and maybe the most challenging parts. What's the connection been like with fans, if anybody has stopped you to talk about it?

LINDY DUNCAN: Yeah, a lot of people have come up to me and talked to me and say they watched it. Some people say they felt a little emotional about it. That's pretty cool.

But at the same time I feel it's a vulnerable feeling. I think I got more used to it as time has gone on. I do feel like I've got to continue the work that I've been doing or else I don't -- sometimes I feel almost like this game is hard and it's hard for everyone and it's frustrating. You want to live the mantras and be that person all the time. It's hard to do that and hard to kind of live up to that.

So I try not to put too much pressure on myself about it and keep getting better and keep accepting difficulties but also the bright side of it as well.

Q. How do you feel about your game right now as you head into the first major of the season?

LINDY DUNCAN: A little bit better. I think I've worked on my swing a little bit the last couple weeks with Sean at home. I think it got a little bit -- I went back to some old habits so we had to find a new feel because the old feel wasn't producing the shot that it had last year.

So kind of trying to find the new feel, it's been a little bit of trial and error. But I feel like I'm going to stick to what I felt like worked the past couple days and whatever happens, you know, happens.

But I know it's a good change to make.

Q. I don't know if you watch much golf, but have you watched the PGA TOUR event here and taken anything from that?

LINDY DUNCAN: I haven't. I haven't watched any. My caddie this week caddied in that event a few times so he knows this place pretty well, and I'll definitely be asking him a lot of questions out there.

Q. You spoke on about the grass being a little bit wet with the terrain, a different course that you've not experienced. Do you really think that will affect your

overall game coming into the rest of this tournament?

LINDY DUNCAN: It's very possible. There is not a ton of rough but if you do hit it in the rough and it being wet, it takes a lot of yardage off the ball, so it plays even longer.

So the tees that we played from in the practice rounds all the way back with the fairways not rolling, some of the par-4s were driver, 7-wood, so long; and par-3s are long as well into some pretty tricky greens.

So I do think if they don't play lift, clean, and place there will be mud all over the balls. That's always tricky. Like I just practiced with a mudball on the 10th hole and moved about 30 yards with a 6-iron. It's just like luck, you know. If you hit a good shot and it turns out good, then great.

Q. Even though you speak on it as luck, do you feel this is helping you prepare for any conditions this week? Now, we are in Texas and you know the weather does get crazy. Do you feel like this is going to impact your game for real?

LINDY DUNCAN: I hope so. I hope my practice and preparation will help me Thursday through Sunday. And I think seeing the ball move with mud is always a little uncomfortable, so it's good to kind of practice that today when it doesn't matter where it goes, just to see what happens and see how the bunkers, sand in the bunkers reacts when it's a little bit damp.

But you're right, to your point, it's always changing so it's going to be wild no matter what.

Q. This is Stacy Lewis' final event. She's retiring. Had great career. Can you speak a little bit about someone who has been on Tour as long as Stacy retiring, what that means to you to see someone that's done such a good job here for such a long time?

LINDY DUNCAN: Yeah, that's really cool. In her home state of Texas retiring. She's been such an ambassador for the LPGA and helping push getting us sponsors and making our tournaments better. She's done so much for the Tour, so it's sad to see her go.

Hopefully some of the people that are coming up can use her as a role model and try to be like Stacy.

Q. You haven't been here, just couple days, but what do you see are some of the biggest differences between Memorial Park and where you played at Carlton Woods last year?

LINDY DUNCAN: Yeah, it's really totally different,



especially because of how much rain this course has gotten. The length of it is going to be I think the biggest factor.

And in years past at Carlton Woods there was some weather issues, but I just remember it being a lot firmer and faster, especially approach shots landing on the greens, that they would roll out considerable 10 being 20 yards sometimes depending on how it was sloped.

So I don't think we're going to see quite as much bounce and roll this week. Who knows. Could dry out, I guess.

Q. The way the tournament has grown, you guys now have a bigger purse: \$9 million. Thoughts about the bigger purse?

LINDY DUNCAN: Thank you so much. That's awesome. I mean, that's really cool. It helps elevate our game and it's really exciting. Hopefully a lot of people come out and watch us play. This is such a fantastic tournament and great community to be a part of, so just very appreciative to be playing for that amount of money. It's mind blowing.

Q. Talk about playing -- you just responded to that in regards to playing in Houston -- but what's it like for you to come visit, see how big the city is, what's going on here, and see a tournament of that magnitude in this city?

LINDY DUNCAN: Yeah, it's super cool. I love coming to big cities and getting to experience everything that it has to offer. We don't get to come to Texas too much, so it's really cool to come down here and see the different courses and see how great golf is here in the state of Texas.

It's really fun to be here.

Q. Let's go back to the mudball. Where was the mud and where were you aiming?

LINDY DUNCAN: The mud was on the right side of the ball so that usually makes it go left. On 10 there is a bunker on the front left, so pretty much just trying to avoid that bunker. I was aiming right of the green and it finished in the middle of the green, so it moved a good 30 yards.

Q. Good shot though.

LINDY DUNCAN: It was a great shot.

Q. How often do you practice that?

LINDY DUNCAN: I mean, sometimes at home in Florida if

it's kind of like a damp or wet morning I'll practice it, but when the ball is already wet and then there is mud on it, it seems a bit pointless.

Out here when you hit the fairway it's -- the ball is not wet unless it's rained, but there is still some mud on it.

Q. If they play it down and there is a big mudball in the middle of the 18th fairway, is it possible for someone to hit it into the pool? If so, would that be the first time someone could hit it in the water and get free relief?

LINDY DUNCAN: I honestly haven't seen the pool. I don't know where it is.

Q. Off the right.

LINDY DUNCAN: Yesterday in the pro-am the weather was really bad so I briefly saw that hole.

Q. Last weird question for you: When you have par-3s with water or water anywhere and there is a drop zone, do you ever practice from drop zones?

LINDY DUNCAN: I haven't.

Q. Is that a mental don't do that thing?

LINDY DUNCAN: No, it's just not something I've ever thought about doing.

Q. Last year's Chevron Championship was the beginning of a great string of golf for you in 2025 to help put you in contention for the U.S. Solheim Cup roaster. What would that opportunity mean to you to be selected by Angela Stanford?

LINDY DUNCAN: That would be amazing and super cool. A lot of golf left before then and definitely got to keep working on my game and play well, and hopefully it happens. I would love to be a part of that team.

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