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WYNDHAM CLARK

HALEY PETERSON: Thank you so much for joining. We're here with some of our national, local media.

Want to welcome you and congratulate on your win at the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am. We just want to start off with some comments. It's been a whirlwind of yesterday, we're speaking with you after shooting a course record to now being announced that you are the winner of the tournament. We'll start off with some opening comments from you.

WYNDHAM CLARK: Yeah, I mean, it's been, like you said, a whirlwind. Not always just what happened yesterday, but then having crazy weather today. You finish off the round so amazing and have an awesome day.

It was really weird because everyone was celebrating and congratulating me with obviously having an amazing round. I even said to myself and the people, man, I feel like I won the tournament with how much media I was doing, yet I had another round to play. That was a little unique and weird.

And then today obviously waking up and they canceled the day, your mind is just sitting there and you're trying not to go too far into the future and you're trying to get your mind right to play for the fourth round.

And then I get a call and they say hey, we're going to cancel it and you're the winner. It's just been a whirlwind of emotions and feelings. Yeah, it's pretty surreal right now.

Q. I didn't even raise my hand, Haley. I'll go anyway, just for you.

Wyndham, congratulations. I'm just curious, A, what you did all day, and B, just the thought, you know, it's hard enough to sleep on a lead, you were having to sleep on a lead maybe like a time and a half, maybe two and then this happens. How did that all go?

WYNDHAM CLARK: Yeah. So for the first part today I woke up -- honestly, I didn't sleep well, I'm not gonna lie. Woke up at about 2:00 a.m. and it was a little warm in the room at the house I'm staying at. So I opened the door, had a look at the weather, was like man, it's not so bad out right now. It took me about 45 minutes to go to sleep.

I fell asleep and then woke up to my alarm that I set about 5:15, 5:30 when I knew the Tour was going to update us, they were going to give us our first update. That's when they said the earliest anyone would be off is noon and we'll give another update around 10:00 a.m.



So I fell back asleep and then we got the news that we weren't playing. I proceeded to play some gin with some friends that are here with me. Made breakfast, relaxed, watched a movie.

Actually did a walk around the neighborhood just to see some of the damage. Then we quickly came back in because it was -- it really felt unsafe because of all the trees around here, so much wind, it felt like it wasn't smart to do what we were doing.

Then when we got back, I played ping pong for about an hour with a friend of mine that's here with me that doesn't come to many tournaments and he is a very good ping pong player. So we played for about an hour and in that time is when I got a text and a call that hey, they might be calling this.

So then my mind started really racing and ultimately I got the call. That's kind of what I did today.

Then as far as sitting on the lead, it was very difficult if I'm going to be honest because most tournaments, if I shot what I shot and had a one-shot lead going into a normal Sunday where you 100 percent now you're going to play, your mindset is different. You go to bed and you go okay, tomorrow I need to be sharp. But because there was that small ounce of thinking that hey, there's a chance this might be called, my mind started wandering and it was so hard for me to not think about it, that there's a chance that it could be canceled.

So yeah, it was very tough. I went to bed and I woke up in the middle of the night and I thought about it. Then I woke up and all today I tried to not let my mind wander to that place because I knew if we did have to play it was going to be very difficult to follow up not only breaking the course record, but then sleeping on a day-and-a-half lead.

So I tried to do anything I could to not think about it. I was talking with people and trying to distract myself as much as possible. Was telling anyone that texted me that was close to me, hey, did they cancel it, I said nope, we're going to play tomorrow and I'm getting myself ready. I was really trying to get myself ready. It was very tough being it was a unique situation to say the least.

Q. Wyndham, congrats on the win.

WYNDHAM CLARK: Thank you.

Q. So you went through your thought process and what the day was like. What was sort of your reaction and the emotions when you found out you had won? Obviously only your third win of your career and to have it happen this way, how did you find out and what was sort of the emotion since you found out?

WYNDHAM CLARK: So it's honestly kind of crazy to think I have -- when I said my good



friend, he was my sophomore year English teacher who was a very good athlete and tried to make it professionally in basketball and also was a very good tennis player, which my dad played tennis. So we always had a great connection in high school.

As I ventured on into college and professional golf, we stayed very close and he's kind of a mentor of mine. He is here and it's only the second tournament he's come to. We hung out all day and obviously we're not talking about potentially winning, we're just kind of, you know, having fun, enjoying ourselves.

And so we were playing ping pong. And we've done this forever with the 15-year rivalry and battle where we battled each other and we keep a running tally. We honestly were having a lot of fun. It was about an hour, hour and 15 minutes in to where we were both sweating when I got the call. We both kind of broke out in tears a little bit and hugged each other and embraced each other that wow, it kind of caught us off guard, to be honest.

Yeah, so we went from having a lot of fun to then, you know, crying tears of joy to laughing to celebrating and it's been a whirlwind since. I'm just very fortunate that he's here and I have some family and friends here as well. It's been obviously a whirlwind last probably two hours.

Q. If I can ask a quick followup, first of all, what's his name?

WYNDHAM CLARK: Brian Kettler.

Q. How do you spell the last name?

WYNDHAM CLARK: K-E-T-T-L-E-R.

Q. And first name, B-R-I-A-N?

WYNDHAM CLARK: Yes.

Q. What does this sort of mean? What's the significance of this win to you? Obviously you have two other wins and one of those was a major, but how do you think you're going to remember this being it's Pebble Beach? And you had a great round yesterday, but 10 years from now when you look back, I'm sure I would think one of those memories is going to be you never played the final round. How do you think you'll look back on this?

WYNDHAM CLARK: This tournament is very special to me and my caddie, John, mainly because it's both of our's favorite place in the world. My caddie grew up in San Jose, only an hour, hour and a half away. He has always told me that, he goes, Wyndham, if there's one thing you can do in your career, I don't care if you win a hundred times or one time, I just hope one of them is at Pebble Beach because it was the place he always dreamed of winning at. He played in tournaments here, he played in the AT&T pro-am, he I believe



played in the U.S. Open here. So it's very special to him, which makes it special to me.

So I've always told him, I said I'm going to make it happen. So for us to pull it off and in the fashion that we did was pretty awesome because we had a very mediocre round on Thursday, we had a great round on Friday that was turned a little sour with the finishing five, six holes we had on the back nine, and then to break a course record at a place that is, you know, one of the most historic golf courses in the world and then ultimately to win I think was just the icing on the cake.

We both, when we both found out, we were kind of crying and laughing and celebrating on the phone. Then he quickly rushed over to where I'm staying to see me and we've just been hugging and talking about all the great things and the shots and how amazing the last, you know, 36 hours have been.

So it's very special. Obviously you never think about winning a tournament in 54 holes. And it's maybe not the way you dream of winning, but with that said, I think a lot of us yesterday kind of had -- not that we knew or anything, but we definitely had this outside shot in thinking that maybe this is our last round.

So I went into it thinking all right, I've got to play the best I can to kind of move up. In my mind, I was in mid 20th plays and I was trying to get a top-10. So I said all right, let's try to have a great round and leave nothing out there and let's go for it. Then obviously as the day transpired and great things started happening, other things started to become a reality.

So yeah, it's been an amazing -- like I said, it's been an amazing last 36 hours.

Q. I'm sorry, your caddie's name?

WYNDHAM CLARK: John Ellis, E-L-L-I-S.

Q. Wanted to ask you, what's your thought on the new setup with the pro-am and what was your favorite hole for the weekend?

WYNDHAM CLARK: Yeah, it's an interesting question you ask because it's a very historic tournament and I know it goes all the way back to Bing Crosby and even before that with having all the celebrities and being a three-round tournament played at three courses.

You know, I love that it's an elevated event, a signature event. I loved that the best players in the world were here at one of the most iconic places in golf and I think it should always be that way.

It will be interesting to see what happens going forward. I had a great time with my partner in Anthony Noto, the CEO of SoFi, and I really enjoyed myself.

Honestly, it's outside of kind of my jurisdiction to say what I felt about it. I just hope this



tournament becomes and stays one of the big signature events for the future.

And what was your second question?

Q. Yeah, what was your favorite hole that you played over the weekend?

WYNDHAM CLARK: Yeah, favorite hole. Man, honestly, I'd say probably hole 18. There's nothing like standing on the tee box on hole 18 with a lead. Obviously in that moment you didn't know about Sunday, so you didn't know exactly what was going to happen, but I still had the nerves because I had a chance to shoot 59.

Even though there wasn't much wind and that tee shot without wind is not that challenging, physically it's not that challenging, it is very mentally challenging because there is the abyss and water left and then out-of-bounds right. You kind of have to sack up and hit an amazing shot off the tee.

So I proceeded to hit a great tee ball and then hit the green and then to two-putt for birdie. Honestly, it was kind of surreal, it really felt like I won the tournament with that two-putt even though it was a Saturday. I think that was because I broke the course record. Everyone gave me a standing ovation. It honestly felt like the end of the tournament and that's what made yesterday so unique and weird because I would have thought that it was Sunday.

So that's what made today and all of last night very unique, it felt like I won the tournament yet I still had one more round. So 18 was definitely the hole I remember the most.

Q. Wyndham, you don't feel cheated at all because you got the big standing O and the cheer on 18 just like everybody does; is that what you're saying?

WYNDHAM CLARK: Everyone wants to win a tournament in 72 holes and sleep on a lead and perform on a Sunday and come down the stretch and embrace your caddie on 18 and do all of that. That's what you always dream of and want.

So with that said, Saturday it was so unique because I started, I forget which place but let's call it 25th plays or whatever it was.

Q. Six shots back, yeah.

WYNDHAM CLARK: By the time I got to hole 10, I started gaining a crowd. Then I got to 11 and then when we got to 12 green, now all the cameras are on me. And they had been on me for the last couple holes, but really were on me. I had tons of people there.

I made that putt and it felt like a Sunday because I made that bogey putt. Then I birdied 13, then I birdied 14. Now you hear all the chatter "course record," this and that. I felt like the entire golf course of fans was starting to follow my group because I had a chance to do something super special.



So coming down 16, 17, 18 at Pebble Beach it felt like a Sunday. The stands were full, the fans were there, the buzz was there, the feelings were there, the nerves were there. Walking as I come to the green I got a standing ovation and everyone was giving me the respect for having such a great round. Then to almost shoot 59 but to shoot 60 and break the course record.

When I shook hands and waved to the crowd, it really felt like I just done won the tournament, so I don't feel like I got cheated at all.

Q. I want to close it out big picture. There was a lot of chatter on social media and otherwise over the offseason that you were contemplating going to LIV. I wanted to ask you if that was true and if it was, what finally led to your decision to stick around?

WYNDHAM CLARK: Yeah, there's definitely some truth. I definitely met with LIV and went through those discussions. I wanted to see what they could bring to the table.

I ultimately declined going to LIV because I felt like I still have a lot of things left in the tank on the PGA TOUR and I wanted to chase records, I wanted to chase world ranking. My dream is to try to be one of the top players in the world if not the top player. I just grew up always imagining winning PGA TOUR events. So I ultimately, I chose my legacy over LIV, over LIV and that's really what it came down to.

You know, I don't know what the future holds with my career and what the PGA TOUR and LIV is going to do, but at least for this season I am 100 percent set on the PGA TOUR and I want to try to get to as high in the world as I possibly can.

Q. Just to follow up on what Doug asked you there, did anyone, any players or anybody that you sought to get their opinion, help you in making that decision to stay at the PGA TOUR?

WYNDHAM CLARK: Yeah, I did my due diligence. I felt like if I was going to make a life-changing decision, I wanted to make sure I did all the right things and call the right people, get the right information, understand what both tours are doing, what I should do, et cetera.

I honestly have to give a huge hat's off to Adam Scott, Patrick Cantlay and Jordan Spieth because they have put so much effort -- and Tiger Woods, sorry, and Tiger Woods, please put that in there. They put so much effort in making sure that the PGA TOUR is going to make the right moves to continue to try to be the best tour.

And they also really gave me some great advice and some counsel. I didn't want them to sway me in a certain way, but I definitely wanted their counsel and I just wanted to honor them and the amount of time and work and effort they have put into this agreement now with SSG and where the Tour is going.



I sought a lot of counsel. I asked guys on both sides. I feel like that's the right thing to do. Ultimately it came down to talking with close people in my camp and my team of what we should do and we decided to stay on the PGA TOUR.

Q. OK. And going back to yesterday's round, does the fact that it was preferred lies, does that diminish your accomplishment in any way in your mind?

WYNDHAM CLARK: You know, anytime there's preferred lies obviously, you know, it's -- you know, it's not the purest -- it's not golf at its purest. But I don't know if you were out here or not, but the golf course was so saturated, there was no other way to play golf this week other than doing preferred lies.

With that said, any winner on the PGA TOUR, it doesn't matter if you're getting preferred lies from everywhere or if you're teeing the ball up from the middle of the fairway, it's still the best players in the world playing against each other on the same golf course in the same conditions and it's hard. It's hard to win out here, it doesn't matter the conditions.

HALEY PETERSON: Are there any plans for how you will celebrate with your caddie, John, tonight?

WYNDHAM CLARK: Yeah. I mean, right now I'm staying at a good friend's house that's within the gates of Pebble Beach, a few friends over here, we're having a couple drinks celebrating. Then we're going to go to the famous Pebble Beach Taproom, which just feels right to be at Pebble Beach to celebrate with other good friends and Colt Knost and CBS people and hopefully some other golfers and enjoy the night and be safe and yeah, celebrate the win.

HALEY PETERSON: Sounds great. Thank you again for joining us and congratulations.

WYNDHAM CLARK: Thank you so much. Thanks, guys.

