PNC Father/Son Challenge Pre-Tournament Interviews Dec. 13, 2018

GREG NORMAN, JR.

Welcome back. You returned to the event last year after a five-year break. What made you come back again?

GREG NORMAN, JR.: We had the opportunity.

GREG NORMAN: Yeah, we had an invitation. It was a fun event last year. We enjoyed it. I didn't play much golf leading up to it, but I played more this year.

You had a look at the course today. Any gameplan for you guys?

GREG NORMAN, JR.: It's a scramble so you hit it far and make putts.

GREG NORMAN: Yeah, that's all it is. It's a great format for a Father/Son. It should be that way. Get one ball in play and the next person goes after it as hard as he can.

Greg, Jr., are you the team leader of this pair?

GREG NORMAN, JR.: No, no, no. He's one of the greatest of all time. I am not the team leader.

What advice do you have the first-timers playing this year?

GREG NORMAN: Look, I think everyone has played enough scrambles or member/guests at the club with their dad. It's supposed to be a fun event. You're out here with your family. You have a good time. There's nothing unusual. We've all played scrambles and played with each other over the years. The format is excellent so you go have a good time.

Greg, have you played much golf this year?

GREG NORMAN: No, I have not. When we decided to play, I started practicing about three weeks ago. Last year, I came in without any practice. Figured I might knock a little rust off this year and I feel a little bit better to be honest. Hopefully we'll take that into the weekend feeling the same way.

Do you miss the competition?

GREG NORMAN: No. I just enjoy my life and what I've done. I don't need to be on the golf course pounding my brains out, having to focus or being away from my business. I enjoy my life. I still travel and I don't have to bring my golf clubs. I like being at home on the ranch. My life has pretty good balance.

Is it nice to be back with some of your old friends out here?

GREG NORMAN: You never get to see them really. Playing with Faldo tomorrow. Saw David Toms today. But you're in that bubble of time where groups are ahead of you or behind you so you don't get to spend much time with everyone.

Any legends out here that you'd like to play with?

GREG NORMAN, JR.: I grew up with most of these kids. They are all my friends. We chased these guys around the golf course, around the world. All these guys, love to play with them.

What is your job?

GREG NORMAN, JR: I do have a job (laughter). I have my own businesses. We build Shark Wake Park, cable wakeboarding parks. We have one in South Carolina and we're building one in West Palm Beach right now. Next, we have a few more in the pipeline.

What was your take on the Tiger/Phil match? Did you watch it?

GREG NORMAN: Never watched it. I'd rather buy two shares of General Electric and invest those and have a longterm investment than pay \$20 to watch that.

What do you think of the future of events like that? I know you played in the Skins Games.

GREG NORMAN: Totally different format from the Skins Game. I thought the Skins Game was a good thing every year because the players had to earn their way in. That match was two players getting invited to play. I'd like to see the old Skins Game format come back and I like the men and the woman, like the old JC Penney. Those events should come back on the calendar. We saw what Lexi Thompson did last week and the year before at the Shootout. She did a phenomenal job. The women can hold their own. I'd like to see more integration like you see in tennis and other sports where the women and the men play at the same time.

Thoughts on next year's Presidents Cup.

GREG NORMAN: Royal Melbourne is a great course for it. Melbourne is a great city for it. Melbourne is a sporting city. They love to get out and support it. The only thing I noticed is that because Australians and Victorians are so sports-loving, they aren't rooting for one team. It was, hey, USA gets just as good of cheers as the international players. That's only because they love their sport in Australia and they respect sportsmen and women. If someone hits a great shot, they will give them the accolades that they justifiably deserve. The tournament will go down extremely well. I won't be there as it clashes with the QBE Shootout even though I'm a member there, a past captain. It's a bit disappointing that I can't be there.

How would you set that course up?

GREG NORMAN: Look, it's not an overly long golf course for these kids nowadays. Royal Melbourne's defenses are the speed of the greens and this time of year the greens can get very quick. If they get quick, you tuck those pins in some tough positions. Even with pitching wedges and sand wedges you'll make the guys think a bit. Unfortunately, technology has pushed Royal Melbourne back into a little bit of the dark ages and they can't lengthen it that much anymore. It's a classicly designed McKenzie layout with magnificent bunkering and even how the holes layout, the turning of the holes, using the topography beautifully. Everything about it visually from a player and architecture standpoint is magnificent.

Could you have been a playing captain in the Presidents Cup?

GREG NORMAN: It wouldn't matter. I'd rather, as a captain, be on the golf course. You've done your homework. You're prepared. The only time issue would be the pairings. Everything else is done. You have the support of your co-captains.