



**April 29, 2019 – Whitney French, 28, of Monarch Beach, Ca. and Avery French, 24 of Laguna Niguel, Ca.**

**Q. We heard from your formidable opponents that you guys made a lot of putts today. Kept them on their heels a little bit. How did you feel the match went for you?**

WHITNEY: I think we got off to a hot start with our putters. I think I made a putt right in the beginning that was a little bit longer than a normal putt would be to make. So it went in, and kind of jumped us and we just kept rolling from there.

**Q. Which hole that was?**

AVERY: It was our second birdie, the par-5.

**Q. 6?**

WHITNEY: Sorry, I don't know. I think it was before 6.

AVERY: I was about 50 feet.

**Q. Oh, my.**

AVERY: Yeah, 50 feet and it bent around the top and fell in the front.

WHITNEY: We knew going in these girls are good players, very good. So we know that we just had to stay consistent and we had to let them -- if they were going to beat us, we had to make sure we at least par'd or stayed on the greens, because these greens are so difficult.

Avery was putting lights out. She played really well, and it was fun to watch you. I just watched for most of it.

AVERY: That's not true.

**Q. How many birdies do you think you made?**

WHITNEY: So I only made one.

AVERY: I think I made three.

WHITNEY: I made the first one.

AVERY: Yeah. Good job. She started us off.

WHITNEY: Avery was putting so good today.

AVERY: She was hitting them really close and I was making the putt, and she would be, Ah, I could have made mine.

**Q. So there was a stretch of the tournament where we saw Aneka make (indiscernible) and that gave them two straight hole wins. Comes down to two, I think at the time.**



AVERY: Uh-huh.

**Q. Any kind of let's just kind of refocus?**

WHITNEY: Like I said, we knew they were good. They were very good players. So going into it, as long as we didn't make any big mistakes, we could hang in there. Yeah.

AVERY: We knew they were going win a few holes.

WHITNEY: Yeah, we knew it was inevitable they were going to win a hole here and there. Just had to stay consistent and make sure we at least had one putting for birdie every time.

That was kind of our goal today.

**Q. So who made the birdie on 10 and got it back to three?**

WHITNEY: I only birdied once. Oh, we won with par.

**Q. So that restored the 3-up lead?**

WHITNEY: Yes.

**Q. How important is par out here when you get to match play?**

AVERY: Very important.

WHITNEY: This course especially because of the greens...

AVERY: And the greens surrounds.

WHITNEY: If you're putting for birdie you're going to have a good chance of winning and there is going to be a lot of the par saves out here. So if you can just kind of not blow up.

AVERY: Yeah.

WHITNEY: You're going to stay consistent and it'll be good.

**Q. This is your third time in fourball?**

AVERY: Third.

WHITNEY: Third time playing together.

**Q. So which did you play together in, starting with the Dunes Club.**

AVERY: Myrtle Beach, L-Cab, and then this one.

WHITNEY: This is the first time making past the first round.

AVERY: Yes.

WHITNEY: We made the cut both times but finally made it past the first round.



**Q. Congratulations.**

WHITNEY: Yeah.

**Q. You're in the sweet 16 now. Does this golf course suit you?**

AVERY: I don't know, I think just our mentality is a little different. We kind of just -- it's like really one shot at a time, see where it is. The greens are firm and green surrounds are difficult. If you can get it on the green. If not, see how to get hot. That was the goal. See how we can make a par from wherever you are.

WHITNEY: Worst case, par.

**Q. Does the comfort level rise every day playing the course?**

AVERY: For me it has. Getting familiar with how much they bounce into the greens is going to take and how much it's going to roll out is just knowledge and knowledge on top.

WHITNEY: Uh-huh.