

CELEBRITY INTERVIEW
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JACK NICKLAUS
ANDY NORTH
TOBY KEITH
BRETT FAVRE

MODERATOR: Well, good afternoon. I'm Jim Buchheim with American Family. We had an opportunity to do a little Q & A with our celebrity foursome at the 18th green and we have a little bit of time for media Q & A and we will open it up to the media for questions.

Q. Andy, talk about Jack. He seemed to hit some pretty good shots down the stretch. He conjured up some old magic, didn't he?

ANDY NORTH: Well, it's amazing when we do these things, the deeper we get closer to who can win, he always plays a little bit better, sort of like he's done for 50 years. Yeah, he had a great drive at 16, probably 30 yards further than any other drive he hit, and a beautiful shot at 17. It's fun to see.

Q. (Comment about the greens.) Talk about your putting prowess at times today.

BRETT FAVRE: They say a blind squirrel finds an acorn once in a while.

TOBY KEITH: That's what I said.

ANDY NORTH: Du you buy that stuff? Seriously, do you buy that stuff?

BRETT FAVRE: I'm buying it. When you're playing with Andy and Jack in front of 40,000 people, it's easy to suck. So there's a lot less pressure, believe it --

TOBY KEITH: It's easy to suck with two people.

BRETT FAVRE: True, and no one is watching.

But Toby and I both were talking about it out there, we much rather would have a shot from 150 yards than a 30-yard chip. But the one place, I mean you can look bad on a putt, but there's a lot less stress, I believe, on a putt. You've got to chip one in. Like the last chip that you guys had, that was a tough chip. I would much rather have a putt, especially one that goes in. I was hoping that last one would go in, but I was kind of tickled that hit the hole.

TOBY KEITH: I made a putt -- Jack hit it in there I think on about the fifth hole we played and they had a little old short gimme that they were going to make. Brett and Jack were over there having a little sewing circle, they were doing a little hug-out, and I sank a big long

putt and everybody cheered. I was going, "Did y'all see that putt," and Jack turned around and goes, "Have you putt yet?" I was pretty proud of it.

BRETT FAVRE: What he didn't know was Jack said, "Act like we didn't see that putt."

TOBY KEITH: I had a great partner, too. Andy hit a great shot. I felt like on that par 5 that I hit that 3-wood, I thought that's into the wind, I need to at least get in 230 or something. I hit it, caught it a little, and he's, "Ah, that's playable." Andy pulls out a 4-iron and just knocks it stiff. I go, "Well, that's what these guys do. I've got a night job."

Q. Brett, you've played in a number of these now. Can you describe what the audience out there looked like this year versus other years, because it sure seemed like --

BRETT FAVRE: You guys, I assume all of you or close to all of you were here the last few years. It was no comparison. Of course, Andy and I -- I'm very honored that I get asked to come back and play in it every year. Adding Jack to the mix and having Toby play and do a concert certainly added some excitement, an extra 15,000 or so people. I assume that that's probably maybe underestimating. There was 40,000 at least. There was a lot of people.

When we walked up to the first tee box and to see everyone lined up all the way past the green, the last few years we had a good crowd but it stopped right about the end of the tee box. And then, you know, 17 and 18, the finish with that many people, with the excitement that we had, it was a blast, it really was.

Q. For all four, is this the best the celebrity group has played?

ANDY NORTH: To me, every single year it's been positive, very positive how the groups played. I think every year we've been about 5 under, somewhere in that range. I mean, Brett putted great last year, he made every single putt last year. I think everybody kind of amps their game up a little bit.

BRETT FAVRE: Good reads.

ANDY NORTH: It's always amazing, you watched us on the range warming up and it looked like we weren't going to do much.

BRETT FAVRE: What's that supposed to mean? I thought I did pretty good on the range.

ANDY NORTH: Well, there's one 7-iron. This year it's great, you've got three superstars here, best it's ever played. How can you not have a great day?

Q. Jack, your impressions after the fact, and you've been in a lot of these with the format, and then the turnout, what did you think?

JACK NICKLAUS: Oh, it was terrific. We had good fun. I had a great partner, Andy had a great partner. We ended up all even. We doubled the money for the hospital. We had fun, the people had fun. What more do you ask for?

ANDY NORTH: Yeah, great day.

Q. Jack, with all the people chanting on 17 after you hit that great shot in there, how bad did you want to make that putt Jack?

JACK NICKLAUS: Jack, well, I thought I made it. I watched Brett hit his putt and he started just about at the right edge and I started about that far outside the edge. I said that's dead center. I mean, I even raised my putter up because I thought I made it and it didn't go in.

But anyway, everybody always wants to win. I mean, I can't imagine any one of us here who have played anything or done anything that don't want to win when you play.

Now, now that it's over and we tied and the hospital gets more money, I think we're all just delighted. I still wanted to win.

BRETT FAVRE: Andy, you called it, there was about three holes left and you said it's going to get tougher, his game's getting ready to --

JACK NICKLAUS: I want to tell you, I know watching this guy for 20 years, he didn't like to lose and he didn't very often. He did a great job. You know, I don't know how you win at music, but you win.

TOBY KEITH: You get paid a lot of money. He who dies with the most money, Jack.

JACK NICKLAUS: He who has the most toys when he dies, wins?

And Andy, as I said, Andy's always been a great competitor. He's always been right there anytime you play. None of us like to lose, everybody wants to win. Why do you play something if you don't play something and win a participation trophy. I don't think where we are is where you want to be.

BRETT FAVRE: The good news is Jack didn't lose very much.

ANDY NORTH: No kidding. Some of us did.

JACK NICKLAUS: I lost a lot. I lost a lot more than you did.

TOBY KEITH: Yeah, but when you lost, you only finished second.

JACK NICKLAUS: Well, that's what he did, too.

BRETT FAVRE: Well, not all the time, but I appreciate that.

Q. Jack, if I can also ask about your drive on the par 5 when you cut off the dogleg?

JACK NICKLAUS: That's the only ball I hit all day. Actually, the next iron shot I hit good. Actually, the second shot I hit there was pretty good, too. He played 6-iron, I played 5-wood from the same spot.

BRETT FAVRE: And we played his spot.

TOBY KEITH: Andy told him to bite off a big chunk of it and he goes, "I don't know about that." He goes, "You'll play better," and he did. He hit a really good shot there.

JACK NICKLAUS: That's the only drive I hit halfway decent.

Q. Jack, have you ever posed for a group photo with a Red Solo Cup?

TOBY KEITH: You have now.

JACK NICKLAUS: I have now. Red Solo Cup. It was rather heavy, too.

TOBY KEITH: I'm writing a song called Jack Daniels and Jack Nicklaus. Let it be documented on this day in June so nobody can steal my idea.

JACK NICKLAUS: It's fun.

MODERATOR: All right. Thank you, everybody.