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**STACY LEWIS' GRIT
AND DETERMINATION
PROPEL HER TO NO. 1**

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A photograph of golfer Stacy Lewis. She is wearing a white cap with 'KPMG' on it and a white polo shirt with green accents. She is smiling and pointing her right index finger upwards. The background is a clear blue sky.

YES, SHE IS!



Grace at the top

IN WINNING THE FOUNDERS CUP, STACY LEWIS HONORS THE LPGA'S PAST AND FUTURE WHILE MAKING A STRONG CASE FOR ITS PRESENT

Phoenix

Stacy Lewis walked out of the interview room on Saturday afternoon and went to the practice putting green where her coach, caddie and dad stood waiting. As Lewis crossed the green, she clapped once, raised her hands and declared, "It's over."

"We're forgetting about it," Lewis said, referring to a two-stroke penalty caused by her caddie during Round 3 of the RR Donnelley LPGA Founders Cup. "And we're going to win tomorrow."

The grounds crew was waiting to cut the green, but Lewis stayed for 30 minutes, working on keeping her right shoulder in place. She then went to the range and worked another half-hour. They shut the place down.

Later that evening on the way to dinner, Lewis showed her father, Dale, a video of that earlier news conference, where she calmly addressed the infraction caused by caddie Travis Wilson, a misstep that put her four strokes behind the silky smooth Ai Miyazato, the last person standing between Lewis and the World No. 1 ranking.

"Why should being No. 1 be different than anything else in my career?" Lewis asked her dad. "I've always got to make it a little extra hard."

Lewis attacked Sunday's final round with the kind of determination that comes from a youth spent trapped in a back brace, her scoliosis-afflicted spine bent like a double-breaking putt. She was patient, waiting for Miyazato to crack the door open just a smidge. Interestingly, that ray of light came on the same hole that wreaked havoc the day before: the par-4 16th at Wildfire Golf Club.

Twenty-four hours earlier, Lewis had been dinged two



New No. 1 Stacy Lewis greets LPGA greats (from left) Louise Suggs, JoAnne Carner and Carol Mann after winning the RR Donnelley LPGA Founders Cup and replacing Yani Tseng atop the Rolex Rankings.

shots under Rule 13-4 ("Ball in hazard; prohibited actions") after a Golf Channel viewer called to question the way Wilson had turned his foot in the fairway bunker. Lewis said she didn't see Wilson do anything with his feet while they were playing, but when the video was slowed down and zoomed in, she could see Wilson's foot turn in the sand and hear the grains crunch under the weight.

The action in question occurred directly after Lewis asked Wilson about the firmness of the sand. It was decided that he had tested the surface of the bunker. Two strokes.

Lewis immediately forgave Wilson, calling him the best caddie on tour. He's the only caddie Lewis has had since she joined the LPGA in 2009, and she treats him like an older brother.

On Sunday, Lewis set out to own the 16th hole, but found herself in a different fairway bunker off the tee. Trailing Miyazato by a stroke, Lewis found the green while Miyazato, a model of consistency, hit an uncharacteristically poor approach with a wedge that wound up in the desert, unplayable. She would go on to make double bogey; Lewis drained her birdie putt.

"That one's for you," Lewis said to Wilson, then she birdied the 17th hole for emphasis. Miyazato had led the tournament for 69 holes.

As Lewis walked down the 72nd hole with a three-shot lead, a group of junior players from the LPGA-USGA Girls Golf program gathered behind her. The spectator ropes were let down and they circled the green as Lewis two-putted her way to No. 1.

Those girls couldn't find a better role model than Lewis,



Stacy Lewis hits Saturday from a fairway bunker on Wildfire's 16th hole, where an infraction by her caddie led to a two-stroke penalty.

who ended Yani Tseng's 109-week reign atop the Rolex Rankings to become the seventh player to reach World No. 1 and the first to graduate from college.

"It's almost 10 years ago I was having surgery," said Lewis, 28, who shot 23-under 265 for a three-stroke victory. "I was going into surgery to put a rod and five screws in my back. That's not normal. That's not supposed to happen. . . .

"I'm really not supposed to be here."

Dale Lewis fought back tears as he watched his daughter do what once was unthinkable. He still thinks about the pride he felt when she played her first college tournament at Arkansas. He thought that would be the pinnacle.

"That's how her career has been," her father said. "Every time she gets down, she just bounces back up and takes another step."

Even the LPGA commissioner has taken note of Lewis' work ethic. Mike Whan walked into the gym at 6 a.m. in Thailand last month and saw Lewis hard at work. An hour later, he left, showered and got ready for the day. When he walked by the gym again, she was still there.

Back home in Jupiter, Fla., Lewis often sees another hard-working player on the range at Medalist Golf Club. When she congratulated Tiger Woods earlier in the year on his victory at Torrey Pines, he said he simply was trying to keep up with her.

For anyone who might think conversations like that will lead Lewis to lose perspective, imagine the following scene as it played out on the 18th green – after the TV cameras had left.

Whan introduced the newly minted No. 1 and passed the microphone to Lewis, who immediately recognized the women seated on a platform in front of the grandstands. Three LPGA founders – Louise Suggs, Marilynn Smith and Shirley Spork – were on hand, along with pioneers Carol

Mann and JoAnne Carner.

"What you did was way harder than anything I do right now," Lewis said. "Thank you. Thank you 100 times."

After giving a nod to the past, Lewis turned to her left and gave a gift to the future, donating \$50,000 to the LPGA-USGA Girls Golf program.

The junior girls who had followed her down the 18th fairway were now sitting just off the green, looking precious in their Hogan-style lids. They rose to their feet and surrounded Lewis, giving her a giant group hug.

"If those ladies taught me anything," Lewis said, "it's to give back to the game and leave it better than I found it."

And with that, in one shining moment, she fulfilled Whan's vision of honoring the past, celebrating the present and building for the future.

Who is this player with the titanium rod and five screws in her back? She's a walking inspiration. ○

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– Dale Lewis, on his daughter Stacy

A gesture worthy of the founders

In the spirit of the Founders Cup, which originally had players competing for a mock purse in which all earnings went to charity, Angela Stanford donated half of her \$100,492 third-place check to her foundation. Stanford's Texas-based charity gives college scholarships to teenagers who are afflicted with cancer or have a parent or guardian who suffers from the disease.

"They go through more than I ever have, and they're only 17, 18 years old," Stanford said. "I think by being involved and getting to know these kids, it's helped my perspective, also."

Stanford also announced that she will be playing a smaller schedule in 2013, going overseas less in the second half of the year.

"Sitting here at 35 years old, I don't need to do what I did at 28," said Stanford, who believes her decision helped relieve some of the pressure in Phoenix.

All the Wright stuff

Lindsey Wright broke her foot at a bachelorette party in January and was sidelined until early March. "Coming into this season, to be honest, I have had no expectations," said Wright, who closed with a 6-under 66 and tied for eighth.

Wright spent a lot of time in the pool when she couldn't walk, strengthening her shoulders and staying flexible. Wright finished 49th on last year's money list, with two top 10s. The Aussie went public with her battle with depression in a newspaper column at the start of 2012 and wound up putting forth her best season since '09.

"The big thing is coming to terms and dealing with it in a positive way," said Wright, "and once you do that, then the possibilities are endless."

Short shots: Jane Rah made an albatross on the par-5 15th, only the 32nd in LPGA history. Rah used a 3-wood from 226 yards. Hannah Yun made a double eagle on the same hole in 2012. . . . Jenny Gleason tried to jump into her caddie's arms on Thursday after her ball found the hole on the 171-yard 14th, but he wasn't ready for her. It was Gleason's fourth hole-in-one and third in competition, her two others coming on the Symetra Tour. She used a 5-hybrid. . . . Meena Lee aced the 174-yard sixth hole with a 4-hybrid on Thursday. . . . Kim Welch missed the cut, but not before making a hole-in-one on the 14th with a 6-iron from 163 yards. . . . Suzann Pettersen, fresh off a victory in China on the Ladies European Tour, missed the cut along with Americans Morgan Pressel, Michelle Wie, Brittany Lincicome and Vicky Hurst.

On the tee: Kraft Nabisco Championship, April 4-7, Mission Hills Country Club (Shore), Rancho Mirage, Calif. 2012 champion: Sun Young Yoo.

— Beth Ann Baldry

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Short game



Lizette Salas' brush with Hall of Famer Nancy Lopez sparks her to a top-4 finish.

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Solheim contenders make their moves

Lizette Salas made a strong case for the Solheim Cup team in Phoenix, moving up six spots to ninth on the U.S. points list after a tie for fourth in the RR Donnelley LPGA Founders Cup. Her motivation: A little trash-talking from idol Nancy Lopez.

The former Solheim captain followed Salas for 18 holes Friday. When Salas started slowly, Lopez pulled up beside her in a cart and said: "Am I going to have to show

you how to do this?"

"I was like, 'Ohhhh,' " Salas said. "I shifted into gear and I shot 32 on my back nine."

Lopez then joined Salas, her father and her caddie for dinner that night, capping a day Salas won't soon forget.

Jessica Korda, another fresh face looking good for a spot on captain Meg Mallon's team, also tied for fourth at Wildfire Golf Club. She is eighth on the points list.

'It's good for American golf'

Yani Tseng prepared for what seemed inevitable days before Stacy Lewis made it reality. It almost seemed as if Tseng welcomed the No. 2 spot — at least for now.

"It will be a good release for me," Tseng said Friday in Phoenix, where she eventually tied for 59th

to slip to No. 2 in the Rolex Rankings. "It's good for American golf."

If Lewis learned one thing from watching Tseng in the past year, it's to keep it light.

"I'm going to have fun, I know that," Lewis said. "I watched Yani struggle with it for too long, and I'm going to go have fun."



STACY LEWIS IS PLAYING FAMOUSLY.

Stacy Lewis is the No. 1 player in the world. By winning this weekend's LPGA Founders Cup, she becomes just the second American to hold the ranking. Armed with her Mizuno JPX-825 Pro irons, Stacy closed with a final round 8-under 64, including four birdies on the final six holes, taking the tournament lead with two holes to play. Learn more about the JPX-825s and how you could join Stacy as a Mizuno-sponsored golfer at playfamously.com.



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Number 1 in the world. And one incredible story.

KPMG salutes Stacy Lewis for winning this week’s RR Donnelley LPGA Founders Cup—and becoming #1 in women’s golf. It’s the latest chapter in her incredible story of overcoming adversity to become the best in the world.

To celebrate this inspiring achievement—and help inspire the next generation—we’re donating 5,000 new books and refurbishing the library at Longview Elementary School in Phoenix through KPMG’s Family for Literacy.

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