

**The Mitchell Company Tour of Champions**  
**Magnolia Grove Golf Course**  
**Mobile, Alabama**  
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**Second-Round Interviews**

**Interview of Christina Kim**

**THE MODERATOR:** Well, Christina, thanks for coming in. That's your second straight 67. You are tied for the lead at 10 under par. That's a good place to be, atop the leaderboard.

**CHRISTINA KIM:** It definitely is. I'm very excited to be back here in the Media Center. It's great talking to you, Paul. We don't see each other nearly enough.

**THE MODERATOR:** At least while we're working.

**CHRISTINA KIM:** It's great. I had a great day out there. I started off hot. I started off strong. And I tried to stay steady throughout the day. And like you said, great to be at the top of the leaderboard.

**THE MODERATOR:** Okay.

**Q** Let's talk about your fast start. You talked all week about being aggressive, and obviously you got off to a great start today. It looked like for a while you weren't going to make a par, but you had a good start?

**CHRISTINA KIM:** Yeah. I didn't make a par until the 7th hole. I had four of my first six holes were birdies and the other two were bogeys. And like I said before, I wanted to start off aggressively, and I did. As opposed to -- I don't know for some reason I felt like I wasn't swinging at the ball hard enough, or I wasn't swinging at the ball well enough, or my timing was off, or this was wrong, or that was wrong all season long. And today I just said, you know, there is no cut to miss, which is a great feeling to have. And, you know, it would be great to say I am the champion of the Tournament of Champions, like I said before. I started off strong and kept on plugging.

**Q** Did the course play tougher today? The scoring average was a little tougher. I guess just talk about how did the course play?

**CHRISTINA KIM:** Well I think thinking about it now that I'm off the course, there were some mean pins out there, there definitely were. There were a lot of mean pins. The course was set up slightly differently. And, you know, it was playing today much more risk/reward than it did yesterday. I think yesterday they were a little more generous with pin locations. You know, you could miss a shot and you would still be okay. But here if you didn't hit the right shot on the right hole, you are done for. But I didn't really think about it while I was out there. I saw a flag and I wanted my ball next to it. That is the way I thought.

**Q** So your lead is 4 ahead, which is quite a good lead, so tomorrow do you still staying aggressive or are you going to try to protect it a bit?

**CHRISTINA KIM:** Every time I try and play smart I walk off looking stupid. I don't play well when I play smart. You know, like you said there is a 4 shot lead between Rachel and myself and those behind us. This is the kind of course where over the course of two holes you can force or be a four shot swing in two holes. Easily. I have seen that happen before. I have seen that happen before. That happened out here actually, it was actually two holes. There was two holes where there was a two shot swing on both ends. Like every time I see a flag I'm going after it. Unless there is water everywhere, which there are not too many holes like that out here, there is maybe one. Hopefully this is my week, and I'm hoping to end the year on a good note more than anything.

**Q** It should have been a little better too. You had some good putts down the stretch that could have made it even better.

**CHRISTINA KIM:** Um-hum.

**Q** Go ahead.

**CHRISTINA KIM:** I'm sorry. You know my round could have been better. I started off and after my 4 or 5 or 6 holes I was like what's par?

I totally forgot what it felt like to make a par; even though I made bogey on both of the par 5's, which really made me upset. They both could have been -- they both could have been birdies easily, if I had kept my balls in the right position obviously. But, I just thought to myself, I thought, wow, I could go out and shoot a really low number. Mind you the back 9 is more difficult than the front 9 because you get a little fatigued. And of course, you know, there are a lot of little strange nicks and nooks on the backside that you don't really see much on the front. The fairways are a lot more rolling and a lot more hills and knolls. I felt like I left four or five shots out there. Which is a kind of a nice feeling to have knowing that I still shot 5-under.

**THE MODERATOR:** Do you want to go over your scorecard.  
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