
**Mitchell Company Tournament of Champions
Magnolia Grove Golf Course
Semmes, Al**

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Final-round leader quotes**

AN INTERVIEW WITH LAURA DIAZ

THE MODERATOR: Congratulations, solo second place and a good 69 today. You must be very happy with the finish.

LAURA DIAZ: Yes, I think there was a bit of a surprise the second place, but I had a few things go my way on the last two holes so it's nice to finish with two birdies. Unfortunately, I still did not win the golf tournament, but a pretty solid week.

THE MODERATOR: Golf Channel calculated you are now 26th on the money list.

LAURA DIAZ: Way to go Golf Channel.

THE MODERATOR: So you are in for next week, TOUR Championship, ADT.

LAURA DIAZ: It's been a long year for sure, and I wouldn't be in this position without my family, for sure, but having my caddy Thad back has really boosted my spirits and my golf game. The last 13 weeks, I think I finished out of the Top-20, maybe once. So we are working really well together. I'm excited that I have gotten next week. Hopefully next week will be another good finish.

THE MODERATOR: Okay. Do you want to do your card?

LAURA DIAZ: Sure. Starting with 4, I hit it in the bunker, short and left on four. My dad and I had worked on this shot with my 50 degree wedge for a longer bunker shot, and I said to dad, should I hit that? He said, yes, I think you should. So it was the first time in a tournament that I did it. But I hit it up there to about four feet and that was kind of excited for me. I made that for my first birdie.

I think I had 130 yards on the next hole on 5. I hit a pitching wedge and I hit it about eight feet and made that.

I bogeyed 8 with a 3-putt. And 9 with a 3-putt.

8 was from about 15 feet.

And 9 was about 30. And they were just bad putts.

I birdied 10. I hit it to four feet with an 8-iron. I hit it about 142 yards to the pin. I hit it four feet.

And then I hit a really bad 8-iron on 17. I had 142 yards to the pin. I pulled it left. And luckily I was able to use the hill and it just brought it right down to six feet from the hole. That was really a nice surprise.

And then 18, I hit it, I hit an 8-iron. I had 142 yards to the pin and hit it to about seven feet there.

Q. Earlier in the week you said you didn't want to know where you needed to finish but did you calculate that at some point?

LAURA DIAZ: I never did.

Q. Or you just played?

LAURA DIAZ: I just played. I don't think it does any one any good to know where they need to finish because you can't control anybody, how anybody else plays. I can only control how I play. It wouldn't have mattered if I knew I had to win. Or if I knew I had to finish 10th, because the only thing that I could do is go out there and make as many birdies as I could.

It's hard enough trying to play every day and play the best that you can. I don't need any other distractions, so I left that to the experts. I'm sure that my dad and my husband and my caddy knew where I needed to be. But I did not.

Q. Is the first words to your caddy, am I going?

LAURA DIAZ: Did we make it? Are we going? I don't know, something like that. So I figured I could think about it after I made that last putt. He said you bet we're going. So he definitely knew.

Q. Talk about Heather's win, obviously a big day for her, a big week for her. Talk about her game this week?

LAURA DIAZ: Well, obviously, she played fantastic golf. I was playing with her yesterday and she made everything that she looked at. She really played great yesterday. I'm assuming it was quite similar today. She deserves to have a good week. I think we all deserve that and I am very happy for her. I hope she takes the time to enjoy a victory because I know sometimes you don't. Did that do anything for her?

Q. Considering her golf season.

LAURA DIAZ: That's great, that's good. Yep, it got her a spot here next week.

Q. Did you change your practice travel plans to go to West Palm?

LAURA DIAZ: No, home is on the way. So we are stopping home tonight to do some laundry, change my clothes from the last three weeks and head on down there tomorrow afternoon.

THE MODERATOR: Thank you.