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First round Interviews

Interview of Gloria Park

THE MODERATOR: Gloria, thanks for coming in and joining us today. Would you like to go over your scorecard?

GLORIA PARK: Okay. I think I had a birdie on the second hole.

THE MODERATOR: Yes. Can you tell me what you hit?

GLORIA PARK: On the second hole I hit a driver, and then I hit a 3-wood. And I got about 90 yards to the pin. And hit a 56° sand wedge and -- oh sorry, that was a different hole.

THE MODERATOR: Okay.

GLORIA PARK: Yeah, I hit a 68° and had like 60 yards to the pin and I had 7 or 8 feet away downhill putt, and made a birdie. And then on No. 4, a par 3, okay.

THE MODERATOR:

GLORIA PARK: Yes. I hit a good 7-iron and it was 20 feet away, made the birdie. And hole No. 6, I hit my driver way right side of the cup, and I went into the funny little part. And I take a drop, and then I took another drop. I hit it with my 4-iron and chipped it to make a bogey. And then hole No. 7 I made a birdie again, driver, 3-wood.

THE MODERATOR: Okay.

GLORIA PARK: And then hole No. 8 it was another par 3.

THE MODERATOR: Yeah.

GLORIA PARK: I think I hit a 4 in there, left of the pin. I hit 50 to 70 feet, and hit a birdie. Hole No. 10 I hit a 3 wood. I hit my pitching wedge to the green, and 5, 6 birdie. And hole No. 12 I made a bogey there. I hit my driver pretty good and then I hit my second shot over the green. And I made a really good chip, and then I missed. I made a birdie on 16. I hit my 6-iron it was, I made a birdie. And hole No. 17 I made a birdie again. I hit a high 4-iron and tried to hit a high 4-iron and then (inaudible).

THE MODERATOR: Would you like to talk a little bit about your round?

GLORIA PARK: I started the day good, but I didn't hit my driver perfectly where I wanted to hit it. I made a couple of misses and since then I tried to hit a fairway, as many as I can. And at the 18th hole there was first and last score of the day, my driver. And my iron from the par 4 it was between the clubs, more than half of it today. So I tried to hit a little punch shot and kind of goes to the left and right. I think I putted really good today. Overall my putting was good.

THE MODERATOR: Great. We'll open it up for questions.

Q What does it take to do well on this course? Does it require anything in particular?

GLORIA PARK: When I have my practice run on Tuesday it was pretty windy. And I thought, it's going to be really, really tough playing with the strong wind. But today wasn't as windy as when I was practicing. So I think more position golf, I think, this golf course. I tried to hit it, especially the driver, don't want to put it in the fairway bunker, or most of the tee box are aiming towards the mountain. So some of the holes are aiming, now it's good but if it's kicking the other way you cannot hit them. So you are kind of losing the shot from there also. And the greens are kind of not big, but it's kind of shaped like a dogleg kind of look, or something. And the greens have a lot of undulations. So, you have to put in the right position to make the pretty good putt to make birdie or to easy par or whatever it is.

So today I think I put myself pretty good position where I wanted to putt from. And this is why I made a couple of longer ones for birdie today.

Q You mentioned the wind, do you find yourself adjusting for the hole or you how much different is it from the morning to three or four hours later. Can you talk about how much that changes and how much you have to adjust for that.

GLORIA PARK: How much it changes?

Q Yeah, the wind.

GLORIA PARK: It was the same all day. The end of the round the last couple of holes it was a light breeze. Today it wasn't really hard to play in the wind, as compared to when I played on the practice run on Tuesday.

Q (Inaudible).

GLORIA PARK: I played, 9:00 or 10:00 I think in the morning and then the wind started picking up from 11:00 before the back 9. And I kind of knew when the wind picked up it was going to be kind of tough. But maybe the wind is picking up tomorrow. So I don't know.

Q Does it feel like you are on the verge of breaking through to a high finish here? Can you talk about where you are just on the air and see what this does for you right now?

GLORIA PARK: Right now I have my wrist injury before. And I just, I don't really try to like forcing myself too much. I just kind of try to enjoy out there. Because when the grass, for example, is into the green I cannot hit through my irons properly because my left wrist is pretty bad. And then I have been to see a doctor every month, and stuff like that.

So, I just kind of tried to make fun out there, even if I had to bogey, and tried to make a par, and then just so what, just keep going. And then when I get a chance I try to make some putts and stuff like this. I don't really like put myself pressure, it kind of helps a lot. Especially like trick golf course. It can be really scoring-wise, it can be a really good golf course, but it can be bad too. It depends on how you are playing it.

Q Are there any holes that you particularly love or particularly dread?

GLORIA PARK: Today I played really good on the par 3, so I would say I liked the par 3's today. This is the first time I've been playing this golf course this year. I don't know which hole is going to be good. It's going to be a totally different story, or I make better par 4's tomorrow, or stuff like that. So, yeah it's a really pretty. I really like the golf course tomorrow. Maybe I will play a different way tomorrow.

Q Somebody asked one of the other golfers earlier, is it almost distracting it's so pretty, is that possible?

GLORIA PARK: Well, because of the sights around here. Actually, my Mom when she came here on Monday she really liked it, and she said she wanted to move here. It kind of makes me comfortable. And when you make a bogey you looking up there it kind of makes it calm down. Yeah.

Q And just a follow-up to your wrist. When did you injury it and what exactly did you do to it?

GLORIA PARK: It started the end of last year, tendonitis. And when I practice hitting from the hard ground or hitting practice a lot it kind of gets hurting. So, I took two weeks off, last two weeks off, and I hadn't really touched the golf club at all the last two weeks. And I practiced a little bit when I got here, I just hit 50 golf balls that was all. I have to take it easy. I have to play next week and week after, and also I'm going to play in Korea and coming back to the States playing Mobile, Alabama. I have more tournaments going on so I have to take care of myself.

THE MODERATOR: Any other questions? Thank you, Gloria.

GLORIA PARK: Thank you.
