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Second-round quotes

AN INTERVIEW WITH GRACE PARK

THE MODERATOR: Grace, thanks for coming in and speaking with us. You shot 62 here last year, two rounds of 60 this year. 11-under and you are leading the tournament. Just give us your thoughts.

GRACE PARK: Yes, I guess I am a better girl, I love better courses. Maybe I should move to Palm Springs. You know, I'm very excited to be in the position that I'm in. Obviously, I had a sour finish last year but, you know, I'm leading again, and I hope to have a different story at the end of the tournament.

THE MODERATOR: Questions?

Q. Grace, can you give us a quick summation of your year, it hasn't been one of your better ones?

GRACE PARK: It's quite simple. I've been struggling. You know, I started out with injuries which kept me out for a month in April, and I came back feeling fine, but then just struggled with it a little bit and then got injured twice more after that. I just was never able to come back. I don't know. One of those years.

THE MODERATOR: You're feel going now?

GRACE PARK: I'm feeling good. For the last month or so I've been working very hard. I kept telling myself it's never too late to play well again, and I wanted to finish the season well. I'm glad that it's turning around.

Q. Grace, what were the injuries, was it back trouble?

GRACE PARK: I had back problems early on in March. And then again at McDonald's, again at U.S. Open, and a neck injury at Springfield, then a little shoulder pop this past Wednesday.

Q. Was that during the Pro-Am?

GRACE PARK: Yes, during Pro-Am. My Pro-Am partner was giving me a hi-5 and got a little too excited and she got my shoulder strained a bit but I'm okay now.

Q. If the winds come up tomorrow and Sunday how does that chaining the way this course plays and the way you played?

GRACE PARK: Oh, it's going to change dramatically. I remember last year Sunday got really windy, you know, the scores went up a lot obviously. There are some really long holes out there. If the winds are against it, we are not going to be able to reach the greens in two, or have 3-woods, or 5, 7-woods in it. That is really going to make the tough course much tougher.

Q. At Kraft this year, I think right after craft you went to Korea for treatment, right?

GRACE PARK: For a month.

Q. Have you been going to Korea every time this year?

GRACE PARK: No, I was planning on going back there. That was my plan. I was going to take about two weeks off in Korea, come back to Arizona, rework on my game, and start in May. But then because of my injury I decided to just go home and take that break.

Q. And at the time I think you said the back is just what the back is, you can make it feel better, but it's never going to be a hundred percent thing?

GRACE PARK: It's never going to be 100%. With that all I really can do is rest. And, you know, recently if I feel my back cutting out, I just put my clubs away, I stop practicing and get it treated right away and do my back exercises and rest.

Q. Two questions. No. 1, does it come a point where surgery becomes a question?

GRACE PARK: No, no, I have disk problems but they're not bulging or herniated. They are not too serious. I have no problem living an every day life. It's just golfing that becomes a problem.

Q. Second question. Can you talk about now with two major women players on Nike out on the women's TOUR, talk about what Nike's feeling is about women and what their plans are over the next couple of years?

GRACE PARK: I think they are thrilled to have myself and Michelle Wie come on board. Obviously, Nike is best at what they offer, and they want the best athletes. So I guess that means I'm a pretty good athlete, too.

So having Michelle Wie, it's got to be very exciting and obviously their involvement with women's golf has become more -- has been bigger. They are more committed to it than ever.

Q. Along those lines, Grace, I was curious what your relationship was with Michelle now that she is part of the Nike stable. I don't know what Annika is doing on the 18th, you may be playing with her tomorrow, any thoughts on that?

GRACE PARK: Yes, I have had a few chances to play with Michelle. I think she is a sweet girl. She is a wonderful player, very strong and got great skills. But to me she is still a 16-year-old. When she talks to me she is like a little sister. I have a good relationship with her. You know, we'll have fun playing together.

Q. Does she speak English or Korean?

GRACE PARK: She actually tries to speak more and more Korean. It's quite cute.

Q. How so?

GRACE PARK: Because she was born here in the states. Her Korean isn't perfect so she's got a little accent, broken Korean. Not broken. Broken.

Q. Grace, you say you have been working hard on your game, did you think you were ready to shoot these kinds of scores?

GRACE PARK: I think so. My game has been turning around for the last two or three tournaments when I had a little kink on my neck, I had to withdraw again. But my teacher Peter Kostis, and I have been working very hard on my off weeks. Especially last week the temperature dropped to 80 in Phoenix, so I was able to practice a lot without getting exhausted from heat. I felt I was ready.

Q. One more question on Nike stuff. Have you been test taking lots of their new equipment, where is all of that at this point?

GRACE PARK: Yes, I was just in Ft. Worth last Thursday and got a couple of Sasquatch, the 3-wood, a rescue club, a putter. I tested irons. They are coming along. Right now, what I have in my bag I love. So I'm not making any changes right now. But in the off season I'm sure I will try more new things.

THE MODERATOR: Tell us about your scorecard today.

(Scorecard.)

Q. Did Michelle say anything about the way you speak English?

GRACE PARK: We speak Korean. I speak broken English. I know that, I will say it. You understand me, right?

Q. I asked Michelle this question earlier about her thoughts about the Samsung World Championship, what do feel about how the tournament is run; your liking to the event?

GRACE PARK: I love this event. I'm not saying it because I got an invitation this year. You know, I was fortunate to play in this event as an amateur back in '98, and this tournament is so well run, and the organizers really plan well for this event, and I know every player looks forward to coming here. It is a privilege for players to get into the event. It is the toughest tournament to get in because it only allows 20 players. Also Samsung being a Korean company, I feel like there is a little connection.

THE MODERATOR: Any more questions? Thank you.

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