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

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First-round leader quotes**

AN INTERVIEW WITH GRACE PARK

THE MODERATOR: Talk about today a little bit **Error! Bookmark not defined.**

GRACE PARK: Sure, obviously, I'm very happy with the way I finished today, a very good finish, three birdies in the last three holes. I'm excited to kick start this tournament.

THE MODERATOR: Let's go over your scorecard.

GRACE PARK: I hit a 4-iron just to the left of the green and chipped up to about four feet, five feet, made that for birdie.

No. 3, the par-5. I birdied 4. I bogeyed 5.

I birdied 4. And I bogeyed 5. A 7-iron just to the right. I was on the fringe and I 3-putted.

I birdied 6. I hit a punch 9-iron to about six feet and made that for birdie.

No. 8, I hit 7-iron to about five feet, made that for birdie.

No. 9, I hit a 9-iron to about 12 feet, made that for birdie. 15, we'll make it 15, it sounds better.

No. 16, par-5, hit a 3-wood, left bunker, bunker shot to about five feet, made that for birdie.

No. 17, I hit a 6-iron to about six feet, made that for birdie.

No. 18, hit 9-iron to seven feet and made that for birdie.

Q. 3-under at the turn, and a lot of good scores are being played on the back nine, you strung some pars together, did you obviously stay patient through that stretch?

GRACE PARK: Yes, I did, even starting the round, 1, 2, 3, I had a good opportunity, and I just missed it. And just birdied 6, 8, 9, kind of got me excited.

Then I stalled for a little bit again. I was still hitting good shots. I made a great save on 10 for par and just off a little bit, waiting for it to happen. And once it happened it went boom, boom, boom.

Q. You are coming here obviously playing very well, with runner-ups, and with a victory thrown in there, is this obviously just a continuation of that?

GRACE PARK: I hope so. I'm tired. So I'm not practicing much. I'm trying to save my energy, just give it all on the golf course and relax once I'm done. I have been doing that for the last two weeks. It's been working great.

Q. Can you tell us some about what you have been through, coming in here after every tournament and travel and Wendy's on Tuesday. You kind of have to pace yourself at this point of the season?

GRACE PARK: Yes, this is my sixth week on the road. I don't usually do this. Well, the third week was just a few day deal, but I still had to travel to China. I'm staying tough mentally and it's been great. I have been having so much fun, playing great, enjoying it.

Q. When you have a run like this, you want to keep it going?

GRACE PARK: Well, you do and you don't. You do because you feel like you can do it every week. But I can feel my body falling apart, too, especially the last couple of days. But my game is still there.

Q. (Inaudible)?

GRACE PARK: Thank you.