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25TH PGA TOUR SUPERSTORE WORLD AMATEUR HANDICAP CHAMPIONSHIP



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Former MLB player Tony Womack (facing) talks to his playing partners as rain disrupts play Monday. Womack's flight in the World Am was canceled Monday.

Competition is the key

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MYRTLE BEACH | Tony Womack is in his first full year of retirement following a 13-year Major League Baseball career that included a World Series title with the Arizona Diamondbacks in 2001.

But he hasn't left the game entirely behind him.

Though he now satisfies his competitive cravings on the golf course rather than the diamond, he has managed to incorporate a baseball approach into his new addiction.

Former MLB player Womack playing in World Am, using golf as his athletic outlet now

He's using that approach this week in an attempt to win the 25th PGA Tour Superstore World Amateur Handicap Championship.

Womack, who has a 3.6 handicap index and is playing in the event's first flight, breaks a round of golf down to two nine-inning baseball games. He tackles holes three at a time.

"Every team I played for, we try to

get the starters out by the fifth inning," Womack said. "That's the way I treat golf. The first three holes is the starter and I'm trying to get the starter out quick. In other words, for me that's play par or better golf."

Then come holes four through six, where Womack becomes more aggressive.

"The next three holes are the middle

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relievers," he said. "You get in there and try to beat those guys up because the starter didn't go five innings. You want to take advantage of those middle

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