

1st ROUND INTERVIEW TRANSCRIPT: MICHAEL KIM
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Q. How did you feel about your round today?

MICHAEL KIM: Felt pretty good. I just had one bogey and three birdies, so pretty solid, I thought. You know, thought it was a good way to start my professional career.

Q. And what was it like coming out here and being a professional on that first tee? Were you a little nervous there?

MICHAEL KIM: Yeah, I definitely felt the nerves on the first tee. Some guys gave me some good cheers and luckily I hit the first cut and made birdie on the 1st hole, which actually calmed me down a little bit. Those are good type of nerves, though.

Q. Wouldn't have taken in your round where you were just like, you were like in the flow, do you know what I mean? (!)

MICHAEL KIM: You know, really starting out on the 2nd hole, like I said, the birdie really calmed me down and I just tried to take it as any other round. From the probably 2nd green I felt really comfortable out there.

Q. How do you grade yourself? Did you exceed your expectations?

MICHAEL KIM: I don't know if it exceeds my expectations. I would have liked to shoot in the 60s obviously, but it was a good start. I don't know, I get a B plus maybe.

Q. Knowing what you have tomorrow on the South, everybody's saying this is like U.S. Open conditions, do you change your mindset at all going from the North to the South tomorrow?

MICHAEL KIM: Definitely I'm going to have to grind like I did today. The South course is really tough, it's really long. Even the North course today was playing really tough out there I thought. I've just got to hit fairways and greens and try to make as many pars as possible.

Q. Will you use any course knowledge for tomorrow or is it different than when you played it just a couple years ago?

MICHAEL KIM: It's a bit different. The rough is a lot longer than I've always played it and the greens are really firm out there this week. So a little bit of course knowledge, but it's mostly just feeling really comfortable out there knowing I've played this golf course pretty close to a hundred times now and to be out here is a good feeling.