



Q. Michael, you just put yourself in second place. Just kind of talk about your round today, how do you feel like you did?

MICHAEL KIM: Yeah, obviously played really well, had five birdies, no bogeys. It's always nice. Just hit it really solid and actually missed a few putts coming down the stretch but really happy with how I played today.

Q. Was the back nine a little bit better for you than the front nine or was it more of a --

MICHAEL KIM: I think I shot 33 on both, but there's one more par 5 on the back. I felt like I played equally as good on the front and the back. It was a good solid day.

Q. What is it about the course do you think kind of helped you achieve this, go 5 under early on?

MICHAEL KIM: Right.

Q. Is it an easy course or a couple pitfalls here and there?

MICHAEL KIM: It's one of those courses where if you're on your game it can seem easy, but if you're in the wrong spots here and there on the greens, you'll have a really tough two-putt or a really tough chip. So yeah, I think the ball striking really helped me out, played pretty stress-free golf and that's always what you're looking for.

Q. There's a bit of a logjam at second place right now, I think there's like seven guys now and there's still more coming up. Over the next couple days you're going to be competing with them, so what's it going to take for you to kind of separate yourself from the pack?

MICHAEL KIM: Just keep it going. Obviously no bogeys help. More birdies than bogeys, just the plan. Just keep sticking to the game plan and keep doing what I've been doing, I think I'll be good.

Q. Michael, clean card today, 5-under 66, just a few comments about the round.

MICHAEL KIM: Yeah, I just hit it really good today, hit a lot of fairways and a lot of greens, played pretty stress-free golf and it's kind of what you're looking for in this heat anyway. Really happy with the round today.

Q. How's this course? You mentioned this is your first time out here. Obviously you

played it before today?

MICHAEL KIM: Right.

Q. Obviously suits your game well?

MICHAEL KIM: Yeah, you know, it's one of those courses where if you're playing well you can make a lot of birdies, have a lot of chances at birdies, but if you're off you can have pretty difficult two-putts, and chipping around here can be difficult with the bermudagrass. But like I said, I hit it really good and kept it pretty stress free.

Q. You're seeing a lot of these courses for the first time. Are you coming in, are you doing anything, spending a little extra time with your caddie going through? How do you kind of familiarize yourself for the big PGA Tour events?

MICHAEL KIM: Right, right. You stick to the routine. You know, like last year, my first year on Web, it was kind of the same deal. A lot of the guys played the golf course for many years and it was a lot of first times for me. Just doing your homework, make sure you're focused during the practice rounds getting good work done there and I felt pretty prepared today.