

ROUND 1 INTERVIEW
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MICHAEL KIM (-3)

MICHAEL KIM: Felt really good out there today, a lot of good shots, just one bad hole. But able to get -- I think I got five birdies in a row at one point starting on 7 and, you know, like the start.

Q. What do you feel when you're at this course having grown up near here?

MICHAEL KIM: Just a really calming feeling. I've been here since year 2001 when my family moved out here and it's just a really calming feeling playing the golf course.

Q. Were you aware of how tight you were flirting with that lead there as you were going through your five birdies?

MICHAEL KIM: I assumed I was getting pretty close. I mean, it's Thursday so you're not really trying to think too much about it, but I mean anytime you're 4, 5 under par on the North and the South, it's a good score.

Q. Spent a lot of time trying to break through in your Tour career, what would it mean to break through here?

MICHAEL KIM: Yeah, my caddie, Andrew, just kind of asked me would you rather win this one or any other tournament, and other than majors, this is the one I want to win the most. You know, if I were to break through, it would be great anywhere, but to do it here would be pretty special.

Q. This place is cooler than Augusta, isn't it?

MICHAEL KIM: To me it almost is. I've never been to Augusta so I can only imagine. This place is pretty awesome.