ROUND 1 INTERVIEW July 21, 2022

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SUNGJAE IM (-6)

Q. Sungjae, 6-under 65, really good score. What did you do best today?

INTERPRETER: He's not good at putt like two weeks or three weeks, but he like make a change and he had like made a lot of birdie chance and then he made it.

Q. Was it a change with the actual putter or was it the technique that you used?

INTERPRETER: He tried to have like his backstroke, he usually have like inside, but he trying to make like a straight backswing and the main thing the clubface square and it's good for him.

Q. What do you like about TPC Twin Cities and why does this course set up well for your game?

INTERPRETER: The condition of the golf course is really good and then like first time here, a good score like the 3M Open, this is second time for him and it's like it's good for him.

Q. How much did the wind affect you today and did it surprise you today?

SUNGJAE IM: Windy?

INTERPRETER: It affect like three clubs.

SUNGJAE IM: Two, three.

INTERPRETER: Two, three, and it's hard to make the distance.

SUNGJAE IM: Distance control.

INTERPRETER: Distance control, it's hard for him to make a distance.

Q. Could you take us through how you played 18 and how big a boost it was to save par on 18?

INTERPRETER: The momentum at 18th hole, like he made a long par putt, make like good rhythm for him, good tempo, good rhythm and he made like a good score at back nine.

Q. When did you make the decision to make the putting change and did that have to do with the results last week on the greens?

SUNGJAE IM: Last week? I'm trying this week. Yeah, this week Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and lot of practice.

Q. Did that decision come from the struggles on the greens last week?

INTERPRETER: He didn't try to change part of last week, but he send a video to his coach and his coach said like more square, more straight. He's trying to make the difference.

Q. How nice is it to get that reassurance I guess that it's going in the right direction with the early results with that today? Nice to get the reassurance that these changes are working out with the early results today?

SUNGJAE IM: Yes.

Q. So just finally, Presidents Cup, you played last time it was on in 2019 in Australia. Looks like you're probably going to be on the team again coming up. What did you enjoy about 2019, what did you learn and is there something that you might look forward to in the next Presidents Cup?

INTERPRETER: He want to help the team and then he's going to like cheer up the team like a rhythm. He want to win the Presidents Cup this year, really hopeful.

Q. Be more involved as a team?

INTERPRETER: Yeah.