

ROUND 2 INTERVIEW
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CHAN KIM (-13)



Q. Chan, yesterday 65 was the best round of the season.

CHAN KIM: Yep.

Q. Did it again today. What's going right for you so far?

CHAN KIM: Yeah, like so I had the sectional qualifier on Monday and for some reason I'm really good in qualifiers. I just came out here and I thought, OK, well, I can put a low round together under pressure for a qualifier, maybe I should just feel like I'm playing a qualifier. It's been working out so far. Yeah, it's been exciting.

Q. What specifically in your game do you think is standing out?

CHAN KIM: I think especially on my approach to the green, I'm being aggressive when I need to with wedges. If I have a long iron, anything on the green I'm happy with. Just changing my perspective a little bit and yeah, it's been going really well.

Q. Going back to Thornblade for the next two days. What challenges specifically does that course have?

CHAN KIM: The wind definitely on both courses, to be honest, can get a little swirly. There was a couple shots out there today that we really had to kind of wait it out and make sure the wind was going the direction we needed it to. The greens are so pure out there, so if you can make a lot of putts, you're going to go low.

But that back nine I think is going to be key with the back-to-back par 5s and then finishing on 18, which is a very tough hole. Yeah, just try and stay focused and stay in the process and see how it goes.

Q. You were just talking about mentally figuring out thinking that it's a qualifier.

CHAN KIM: Yeah.

Q. You came into this season with a handful of international wins.

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Q. Haven't necessarily gotten like a top-10 finish this season --

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Q. -- but the play is there. Is there any sort of like frustration or is it just patience?

CHAN KIM: Yeah, especially if I'm missing a cut, like I missed the last two, I don't know what it was. Like I felt like my ball-striking was there, but I definitely didn't think I was hitting it close enough to give myself a lot of birdie opportunities. The putting was struggling a little bit.

Obviously I played in Japan for eight years and out there it's mainly bent and out here you can get, you know, all types of different grass. But it's nice to think that I can make some putts anywhere I go now.

Q. Last question from me, different type of tournament this week with the pro-am. Can you talk about kind of the cool things you get to experience?

CHAN KIM: Yeah, so I was -- I had the pleasure of playing the AT&T and the American Express last year, so I kind of know what the format is. No, it's a great time. As long as the amateurs are having fun and they're enjoying themselves out here, we love having them here. It's a good time.

