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**Q. Chan, 8 under today for a Korn Ferry Tour win. How did it feel?**

**CHAN KIM:** Yeah, honestly, you know, it's been a windy couple days. The course has gotten firmer throughout every day and I knew I needed to shoot something low to try and give myself a chance, but 8 under is -- pretty much I blacked out, I guess.

**Q. Yeah, 3 under on your front nine, I know you had one blemish on your card on the back. At what point were you kind of like, OK, I'm in this thing and it's mine to take?**

**CHAN KIM:** Yeah, so obviously when I made that bogey on 11 it kind of set me back, but I knew -- I saw two par 5s that were reachable. Yeah, when that flop shot went in on 12 I got it to 14, I knew if I kept pushing I could give myself a chance.

Then I pulled my shot on 13, I thought it was going to be in trouble, ended up being really good. Made the putt.

So from there the momentum just, I just kept it going and yeah, made a couple more birdies coming in. What else can I say?

**Q. I saw you on 17, you had a birdie opportunity there. You talked about how you missed that putt, but big birdie on 18. Walk me through 16, 17 and eventually that putt on 18.**

**CHAN KIM:** Yeah. No. 16 I was in the fairway. a fairly straightforward shot, just the wind kind of swirls around here with a lot of trees. We had it going down, but it was more into and off the right, so I left that short, kind of left myself a tester for par, made that.

Then on 17 I hit one in there really good and I felt like it was a putt that I needed to make to try and give myself a chance to win. So when that one slid by I told him, I said look -- I told Donald, my caddie, hey, look, we've just got to try and birdie 18 and whatever happens, happens.

**Q. And then walking up the fairway on 18, you saw the putt. What's going through your head? What are you telling your caddie when you approach the putt? What's your nerves like over that?**

**CHAN KIM:** I didn't tell him, thank goodness, but I mean, hand shaking, knees about to



buckle. Just everything, you know. When I told him, I said, hey, look, it's an uphill putt, let's just make a good stroke at it. If it goes in, great.

Yeah, he told me to stay confident with my read. And I've been making a lot of putts, so I did that and the putt just happened to go in, so it was awesome.

**Q. You mentioned your putting. Was that the key for you this week, or what was in your game that allowed you to --**

**CHAN KIM:** I think the No. 1 thing was confidence, like believing in myself. Everybody around me, a lot of my friends, they're always telling me like you're so good, but it's just I for some reason wasn't really fully believing in myself, so that was the biggest thing.

And definitely my putting. Like even today I had a couple testers for par to start off the round on 1 and 2, made those and kind of set me in a good -- put me in a good mindset for the rest of the round.

**Q. You talked about how you missed a couple cuts coming into this week. So how -- I mean, is that like pulling confidence from a place that you just like having confidence in yourself despite what results have shown?**

**CHAN KIM:** Yeah. Like I've won eight times over in Japan. And there were weeks out there that I missed the cut, three missed cuts, it's tough, especially towards the end of the season with 30 cards on the line. You know, I knew that I really needed to keep my head in the game. Obviously with the last four being elevated, you've always got a chance, you've got to stay in it, keep your foot down and go after it.

**Q. Yeah, how important -- I mean, a win at the last regular season event before we head into Playoffs, just confidence-wise and points, what does that do for you?**

**CHAN KIM:** Skyrocket pretty much, especially finally winning for the first time on the Korn Ferry Tour, being the first year out here. I've got a lot of confidence going into Boise next week, but at the same time I can kind of ease up, I guess, being inside the top 30 now. Yeah, I mean, I'd love to get another win before the end of the season.

**Q. You said you've won eight times, but what does this one, how does it rank opposed to those other eight wins?**

**CHAN KIM:** Gosh, I kind of have to put this at No. 1 I think only because being -- living in the States and this being the Korn Ferry Tour and the path to the PGA TOUR and how much this tour does for a lot of the players out here, yeah, this has to rank No. 1.

**Q. Yeah, you kind of risked a lot, you took that jump to come to the United States to chase that PGA TOUR card. Q-School, you played great there. That moment, did you see yourself kind of being here today?**



**CHAN KIM:** I always had a feeling that I should -- I felt like I should be in the top-30, but I had a rude awakening. There's so many good players out here, very, very talented, scores are going low every week. Trust me, some of the courses that we're playing, they're not that easy. Guys make it look easy. I'm sure some of the people watching at home, they're like oh, man, these courses must really easy. They're not, trust me.

Yeah, I haven't been playing as well as I thought I should be playing, but this one means a lot.

**Q. Were there ever moments for you where you questioned coming over here to play Korn Ferry Tour when you were winning consistently on the Japan tour?**

**CHAN KIM:** Yeah and no. Honestly, I knew that this would be the fastest route to the PGA TOUR and so I knew that I had to make a sacrifice in order for me to give myself a chance. I'm really glad I did.

**Q. You talked about earlier how in Japan you won a couple cars after some of your wins. Obviously to get a car today, but tell us a story about winning those cars in Japan.**

**CHAN KIM:** Yeah, so I think I've won a total of six cars so far out of my eight wins. There have been some cool ones, I've got a Porsche, I've got a G550 Mercedes. Kept that one for a year, but then it got expensive so I had to sell it.

You know, those are all cool, but, you know, here right now, I mean, top-30 PGA TOUR card, that means more to me than anything else.

**Q. Was there anything you're going to treat yourself to since you didn't get a car, but maybe a nice --**

**CHAN KIM:** Definitely go out to a nice dinner. My wife's here, too, and I'm glad that she's here to get this first win together. Yeah, we'll try to find a good restaurant. We're actually flying out of LaGuardia tomorrow, so we'll be up a little bit earlier to beat traffic. Yeah, it's definitely a good feeling.

**Q. You kind of already answered my next question, but having her here, what does that mean to you? She showed emotion on the green. Like where's that come from and just how much does it mean for --**

**CHAN KIM:** Yeah, you know, obviously she's been through all the ups and downs with me. Those three missed cuts really hurt. Thought -- we knew it was going to hurt my chances of finishing in the top-30. She's been telling me every day, you know, you're fine, you can do this. Just giving me the confidence that I need. Yeah, just played a big role in this win.



**Q. I heard by scoring she told you that you need to shoot 8 under today and you shot 8 under.**

**CHAN KIM:** Isn't that crazy? She did tell me this morning, she said, look, you can shoot low scores, let's shoot for 8. I said, OK, you know. And in my mind I'm thinking, my goodness, does she know it's blowing out here and how tough it's going to play on a Sunday?

Yeah, so can't tell you how I shot 8 under, but it worked out.

**Q. And last thing, just -- do you have anything else?**

**Q. Just from coming from Q-School at the start of this year and now you're standing here. We talked earlier this week, you said, man, my whole goal was just to keep my Korn Ferry Tour card. At this point that's not what you're chasing anymore?**

**CHAN KIM:** It's kind of changed now, especially with this win. The top-30, obviously moving inside the top-30, the PGA TOUR card is kind of like the light at the end of the tunnel now. I can kind of see it. Obviously with four big events left, still got to play good golf, but yeah, I'm proud to be a champion here. Let's try and keep it going.

**Q. And how could you describe the last couple months? They've been tough and now you're standing here today.**

**CHAN KIM:** Yeah, there have been a few tournaments where I felt like I played good rounds and I'm moving down 20 spots. That just shows you how good these guys are. Anybody on this tour can win on any given week, super talented, they know how to go low. It's not surprising why guys go from Korn Ferry Tour and go on to the PGA TOUR and they start playing well. They've got all the tools. Yeah, it's pretty cool.

**Q. And the friendships you've built out here this year, you seem to have a lot of support from the other players. Just tell us about those guys and what they mean to you playing with them and competing with them.**

**CHAN KIM:** Yeah, the greatest thing out here is like I just feel like we're one big family. We always support each other out here. You may have a bad round, but somebody will come up and say, hey, look, you're better than this, you know you can do it. Somebody's always there to pick you up.

Yeah, I've been fortunate enough to meet a lot of new friends and I've got a couple buddies out here that I've known from before. Yeah, I'm very thankful for them and it's been great.

**Q. I asked you this earlier, in your eight wins, have you ever birdied the last hole and won?**

**CHAN KIM:** I don't think I have, actually. I think I've always had a lead to not have to birdie



18 and that was kind of the goal of trying to birdie 17 today.

