

QUICK QUOTES
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MICHAEL KIM (-11)

Q. Michael, great round out there today. Just kind of assess how the day went.

MICHAEL KIM: Round went great other than the first hole, I three-putted from 15, 20 feet. I blew the first one about 10 feet by. So other than that, I played really, really well today.

Q. After the first round, 2 over, you missed a few cuts. Anything in your recent weeks, anything happen these last two days to kind of get it back on track?

MICHAEL KIM: Nothing too crazy. I changed driver heads. The one I've been using the entire year felt like it was drawing a little bit too much, so I changed to a different head and it's been going well this week. But I felt like my game was in a good spot regardless, even as I was -- wasn't shooting the lower scores. So happy to see some birdies drop today.

Q. How come Memphis isn't even on your mind?

MICHAEL KIM: I was in 90th, something like that, and I knew I was going to need a top-3 finish. Those are pretty hard to come by. So if I had an awesome week, great, but especially after the first round, I wasn't really thinking about it much.

Q. With where you are in the FedExCup standings, kind of feel like you're secure in the 125 but have a ways to go in the top-70. Does that free you up in a week like this to just say, hey, if I can go and get hot, maybe we can do something; if not, it's not a huge deal?

MICHAEL KIM: Yeah, definitely. Like I said, after the first day I was looking at flights to go home in Dallas on Friday, and after I played a good round yesterday, pretty happy to make the weekend. Felt like I was playing with house money. Felt really comfortable today with my good friend Si Woo out there today. Hopefully I can do more of the same tomorrow.

Q. What was the driver head that you changed to?

MICHAEL KIM: I went from the Callaway Rogue to the Callaway Paradigm.

Q. And just helped you with your draw, you said?

MICHAEL KIM: Yeah, for whatever reason the Paradigm draws a little less than the Rogue. I had been overdrawing it to the left with my driver over the last couple weeks, so just made the switch.



Q. First tee to green I think today, so it seemed to work.

MICHAEL KIM: Great.

Q. How common is that for you to start looking at flights home after a bad first round?

MICHAEL KIM: Over the last two or three years when you've missed as many cuts as I have, you don't want it to become a habit, but I was looking at it just in case, just to see what kind of flights were available. Don't want to make a habit of it.

Q. At what point in today's round did you feel like you were feeling it, like you were going to have a low round?

MICHAEL KIM: I think starting on 14, 14's the toughest hole out here. Hit a decent drive in the fairway and you're not really looking for a birdie, you're just trying to give yourself a 25-footer if anything. I hit a really good iron shot, ended up running out to a couple feet. Knew I had the par 5 coming up and even a couple more birdie holes after that. After that, I really felt like I was in a good groove.

