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MIN WOO LEE

MODERATOR: We would like to welcome Min Woo Lee into the interview room here at the Rocket Mortgage Classic.

Min Woo, I know you said you haven't had a chance to see the golf course yet, but your excitement level coming to Detroit Golf Club for the Rocket Mortgage Classic?

MIN WOO LEE: Yes, very excited. I got a nice group on Thursday and Friday, so really excited for that. The course looks amazing. Coming from the U.S. Open it's a bit more greener, so it's quite nice. Hopefully the weather holds out and we can play a fun course.

MODERATOR: Coming into the week No. 63 in the FedExCup standings, just six weeks left in the FedExCup regular season, what are you most looking to accomplish over these next six weeks before the start of the Playoffs?

MIN WOO LEE: Yeah, obviously to get into Signature Events, I think that was one thing this year that I kind of missed out on and would have really loved to play those events. Yeah, I think that's one of the bigger goals. Hopefully, I can make it into the Presidents Cup team, too.

MODERATOR: How much would that mean to you to compete in the Presidents Cup? I know it's a big goal for a lot of players.

MIN WOO LEE: Yeah, it would be massive. It's something that -- I felt like I missed out last year by a small margin, and really excited this year, I've been playing a lot better since not making that team last year, or two years ago. Yeah, I'm really excited for this year. I know the American team is very strong and we've got to play very well to beat them. Yeah, I'm really excited. That's a team, especially a team aspect, I really love playing match play and yeah, just being with a partner is cool.

Q. Min Woo, welcome to Detroit. You mentioned the Signature Events and obviously that's a hot button issue on the PGA TOUR right now. I'm just curious, what's your take on that whole setup?

MIN WOO LEE: I think it's great that the PGA TOUR is doing that. I haven't -- I'm not the one to moan about it, but I guess I played every major, which is awesome and amazing. I played into them. To not like play most of the Signature Events, it was kind of hard to take a little bit. Again, I know I've got to play better and make the cutoff line at the end of the year



and get to play next year. I think it's great. We all try to play those big events and yeah, obviously it's a new thing and all of us are trying to get into those events.

Q. One of the big stories this week, 15-year-old Miles Russell is going to be playing in the field. I'm just curious how you would handle this stage as a 15-year-old and what would you tell him?

MIN WOO LEE: Yeah, I think when you're 15 you don't really -- I mean, I played pro events in Australia when I was 15, 16, and yes I was nervous, but I didn't play for money or anything like that, so it was just golf.

I think maybe a little bit different because the social media side's so big about it and he's gotten a lot of attention over the past few months. I mean, hopefully he can take it well and he's got a good following. I think people are nice out here to support him and cheer him on. Again, he's only 15, so I don't think there's going to be a lot of, you know, too much expectation. Obviously he's a great golfer. I mean, he's got plenty of time to turn pro and still, yeah, years ahead of him. Hopefully he has fun and doesn't beat me, but does well.

Q. I was just curious what the process has been like over the last few weeks since the U.S. Open and preparing for a new tournament here in Detroit.

MIN WOO LEE: Yeah, I didn't play last week, so I was at home, my new home I guess in Vegas. I was just sweating and practicing. Yeah, we get like I guess a report before the week. I know it's a course where you can hit driver a lot and take a lot of corners and kind of I guess take it -- like be an advantage if you do hit driver well. Hopefully I can do that this week. Yeah, I guess just practice for this week for the information that we got.

Q. You're coming from one Donald Ross course to another, but that's probably the only similarities. That course beat a lot of people up, Pinehurst. This one's a low scoring affair. Is it kind of nice to kind of shift from a course that's so hard to a course where you know you can make some birdies, have some fun? And on a course where you can -- you have to make a lot of birdies, do you like that kind of format knowing that it's pedal to the metal from the get-go?

MIN WOO LEE: Yeah, I think playing the U.S. Open like once or twice a year kind of feel, it's great. It was a course where you can hit good shots and kind of get penalized, which sucks, but that's part of a U.S. Open. It's brown and it's like such a tough course. I think if we played that every week I would probably have no hair by now. It's nice to play -- it's nice to just come to a course that's really green and luscious. Yeah, I find making birdies fun, bogeys aren't fun. So yeah, it's nice.

MODERATOR: All right. I think those are all the questions we have. Min Woo, thank you very much for your time and best of luck this week.

