

ROUND 1 QUICK QUOTES
February 13, 2025



MICHAEL KIM (-1)

Q. Fun day I bet, huh?

MICHAEL KIM: Real fun, real fun.

Q. How does it rank? Seriously, that's pretty stout conditions out there.

MICHAEL KIM: Yeah, it seems like whenever a tournament is at Torrey Pines the weather can be pretty harsh. But funny enough I've played in tougher conditions I think in like 2017 when Snedeker won, so compared to that, it wasn't too bad.

Q. What was it? Is it the wet grass, is it the wind, the temperature?

MICHAEL KIM: The wind and the temperature. It's blowing only like 10 to 15, but 10 to 15 here is basically 25 to 30 at other places. It was only 10 miles per hour into the wind, but I was hitting 5-iron like 180 yards, which is 25 yards short of what I normally hit.

Q. So patience is important on a day like today?

MICHAEL KIM: Patience, and if you could hit a lot of fairways and greens, it's great.

Q. Were you here a couple weeks ago?

MICHAEL KIM: I was, yeah. I didn't play very well.

Q. Was it much different than that?

MICHAEL KIM: It didn't rain and it was much warmer, and it was the Santa Ana winds so the wind was coming from the opposite side. It was pretty different than last time.

Q. So it's almost like a total new adjustment?

MICHAEL KIM: Yeah, yeah. Different adjustment, but at the end of the day I kind of worked my way through it pretty nicely.

Q. What's been the best thing that you've gotten out of your social media engagement? What have you taken from that that's made it fun or even learning something?

MICHAEL KIM: I don't know how much I've learned from it, but I would say just that a few

more people recognize me out there on the golf course. It can be pretty easy to be mixed in with 155 other guys. Just getting a few more shout-outs on the golf course is pretty nice.

Q. Do you get recognized? What it like to get recognized here?

MICHAEL KIM: Yeah, I mean, whenever I play this golf course for a PGA TOUR event, it's a lot of gratitude, a lot of awesome feelings that I have from back in the junior days where I played Junior World growing up and all that. It's just a really cool feeling.

Q. You're in a group with J.J. Spaun, who's an Aztec alum. Just what's it like having two San Diego connections in the same group?

MICHAEL KIM: Yeah, and even Danny, who says he's living out here now. It's great, I've known J.J. since 20-like-11 or so when he was at San Diego State, I was at Cal and we played some tournaments together. We tried to have a good time. It was a bit too cold for that, but it was good.

Q. And what was it like being there with Danny?

MICHAEL KIM: It was good. You know, like my very first professional event was here as a sponsor exemption at the Farmers, so I understand some of the feelings that he's probably having and some of the nerves. Just trying to just play well all together.

Q. What are the local spots you think people should know about here for food, ice cream, all that stuff?

MICHAEL KIM: Handel's ice cream is pretty good, Taco Tuesday is also solid and Kent Sushi is pretty solid, too.