

ROUND 1 QUICK QUOTES

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CHAN KIM (-9)



Q. Chan, 9-under 61 to start, just tell us what was going well for you today.

CHAN KIM: Gosh, when you shoot 9 under, I would think that everything really went well. If I had to be extremely picky I guess I could have made a couple more putts, but honestly I just, you know, I was talking to my caddie, Matt, and our goal was just to hit all 18 greens today and give ourselves a chance, and like the hole-out on 3 definitely kickstarted the morning. Yeah, I mean, I'm really proud of how I played today.

Q. Just talk about how the course is playing.

CHAN KIM: Actually, Matt walked it on -- Matt walked all 18 on Monday and said it's probably one of the best courses we play. Then I got to play it and I thought the same thing.

The greens were a little bit softer than the practice round, I thought, which kind of helped. I don't know, I'm assuming in the afternoon it will firm up a little bit but they were still receptive and they're rolling really well, so I thought it was playing great.

Q. How do you get a performance like this and transition it to tomorrow, kind of keeping it rolling because consistency is obviously the name of the game --

CHAN KIM: Right. That's a great question. If I knew how to figure that out, I think I'd play better a lot more often. Just try and stick to your game plan. We had a pretty good game plan set out for specific tee shots and for specific hole locations and I thought we did that really well today. I think if we continue to do that and try and basically hit every green, I think we'll be OK.

Q. Obviously you can't take your foot off the gas but does shooting 9 under kind of lift off your shoulders a little bit and kind of let you play free?

CHAN KIM: Yeah, like you wouldn't believe. I think I've missed the last six out of seven cuts, so that's a good feeling to kind of not have to really worry about it. But yeah, obviously I would love to still play pretty aggressive and see if I can shoot another couple low ones.

Q. What was it about this course maybe that your game fared well with? Is there something about it that you were able to make easy adjustments with?

CHAN KIM: So I generally like firmer greens, especially if I have a lot of wedges in. I struggle with having too much spin. This week I can kind of judge how much spin I can put on it. You know, generally just if it's softer I tend to struggle a little bit. I think it's just the



confidence factor of having to fly my ball a little bit further. But I think this course just sets up really well and it suits my eye, so hopefully I can keep going.

Q. Just lastly, what club did you use on your eagle hole-out?

CHAN KIM: Great question, what did I use. I think it was my 50-degree. Yeah, it was a 50-degree, yep, yep.

Q. Chan, this is your low round on the PGA TOUR, 61. Your previous low round was here at this championship.

CHAN KIM: Sure was, last year, yep.

Q. Have you shot low like when you played the Japan Tour or anywhere? What's your low --

CHAN KIM: I probably shot 60 about five or six times, and I do have a 59 on a par 71 I think it was. Yeah, but anytime you can shoot a low round, golf's a little bit more fun.

Q. When you first saw this golf course, did you sort of comprehend that sub 60 was out there?

CHAN KIM: Not really. I would have thought everything would have to be firing on full cylinders. I felt like I was very close, about as close as I could get today. And like I said, if a couple more putts dropped that I could have made it could have been a sub 60 round. But yeah, anytime you're in the low 60s I think it's an excellent round.

