

ROUND 2 QUICK QUOTES
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CHAN KIM (-11)



Q. Chan, got off to a bit of a tough start on that front nine but managed to turn it around. How would you characterize that round today?

CHAN KIM: Yeah, after I was in the fairway bunker on 10 to start and I hit a great hybrid up there to 35 feet or whatever it was and barely missed putts. I made birdie to start, and it kind of reminded me of how golf was yesterday, a little bit easier.

And then started on 11 I missed short sided, and our game plan was just to hit it middle of the greens on the tougher holes. Got a little aggressive but I made a couple -- I actually made a couple good putts. 17 was a pretty tricky down hiller for par, made that. And then obviously the hole-out on 4 again. I don't know what the odds are of doing that, but boy, if I could make four 2s on that hole I'd be very happy.

But yeah, I made another great putt for par on 6, then a putt for birdie on 7 and obviously a chip-in on 8.

I think this is a course where you just have to stay patient. I know I shot 9 yesterday but the course is not playing that easy.

Q. Yeah, how different is it today from yesterday?

CHAN KIM: The wind picked up obviously a little bit and that firmed up the greens. And hole 6, the par 3, when we're hitting 5 irons in, I don't really know if you could stop it. You might just have to take your medicine, try and pitch it five short and hope that rolls on. But it definitely was playing a little bit tougher today.

Q. You mentioned you didn't know what the odds were. I can tell you that you're the 11th guy to hole out on the same hole the first two rounds since -- that's a pretty amazing feat. Can you just talk us through that shot there today?

CHAN KIM: Boy --

Q. Different from yesterday?

CHAN KIM: It was different from yesterday. Yesterday it went in. I would assume it spun back in with perfect pace. Today I think I smoked the flagstick. There might be a little chip on that flagstick, but it was coming in there pretty hot. If it didn't hit the flagstick, it was probably over the green. And it's not a very easy up-and-down, but fortunately it kind of hit the middle of the flagstick and just dropped in.



Q. Are you surprised to be, what is it, five in front right now and maybe at the end of the day?

CHAN KIM: Yes. I thought that somebody would shoot a low one as they do every week. I think somebody's always shooting a low number each of the rounds. It looked like Beau was playing really well and then I looked up on the leaderboard on hole 9 and saw that he had dropped back.

This course is just one that can get you. One bad tee shot makes it very difficult to hit the green, and then it's a very difficult up-and-down because of how firm the greens are.

Q. You're heading into the weekend with a really good chance of capturing -- I know there's 36 to go but capturing your first title on the tour, and you've got a lot of experience winning around the world, Japan, Korn Ferry Tour. What will you take into the weekend from those events that you won?

CHAN KIM: Yeah, just keep my foot down. I know that, like I said, these guys are so good, somebody's going to catch up. I already know that. The best I can do is handle myself the way I did when I won all those events and that's just to stay patient and play my game, work on sticking to our game plan and I think that should get the job done.

Q. Do you have a process -- you talk about that staying patient. Do you have a process when you're out there in the heat of the moment to make that happen?

CHAN KIM: I guess you're bound to hit bad shots, it's just the nature of the sport unfortunately. Unless you're Scottie, I guess. Scottie's not missing a single shot. I think it's very important to accept that when you do make a mistake, just accept it and go out there with full confidence and plan your next shot and see what you can do from there.

Q. It was super hot out there today, tiring day. How many bottles of water did you drink?

CHAN KIM: Too many to count. Yeah, I don't remember.

Q. Just how much of an impact will the tee times kind of impact your game? I know that it's getting faster and harder as the day goes on. Is that going to be a deciding factor?

CHAN KIM: You know, I don't know what it played like this morning. I would assume it was a little bit softer than it was in the afternoon, but judging off the scores, I don't think this course is really going to get any softer. So I think it's literally just fairways, try to hit middle of the greens and try to make a few putts.

