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A Lim Kim

Press Conference

THE MODERATOR: All right, very pleased to be joined by 2025 Hilton Grand Vacations Tournament of Champions winner A Lim Kim. Congratulations.

Just take us through the thoughts, feelings, emotions you have after winning this event.

A LIM KIM: Honestly, so fun, so good. And then I'm hungry, yeah.

Q. Your second win in just a couple months. What part of your game is working so well for you right now?

A LIM KIM: I working on change my shape I told you before. All my career I'm use a draw. I'm really good draw player. But 130 yard inside game is not too good, so I want to change my shape and then working on it and then make it.

Q. How do you get the nickname Queen?

A LIM KIM: Yeah, that's my nickname, but honestly, my last nickname is Kong, so when I was young my driver distance too far so everybody told me Queen Kong, but I don't like use the last name so only Queen.

Q. So who came up with Queen?

A LIM KIM: Yeah, just Queen, yeah.

Q. Who came up with it? Who gave you that nickname?

A LIM KIM: Everybody told me that before when I was young.

Q. What kind of confidence did you have, how much did it change how you were viewing your game after you won in Hawai'i?

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A LIM KIM: Same. Yeah. Because I'm working, really focused on my game. That is my first goal. And then that's my goal all the time.

So I make win, some good play, no good result, I don't care. Yeah.

Q. When you were talking about how far you hit the ball, when you were first learning the game were you just trying to hit it as far as you could? Tell me how you got all your distance.

A LIM KIM: I felt a little uncomfortable from now because I'm use fade for only two weeks, but I felt all right, better than draw, so I'm going to more working hard make more practicing.

Yeah, I have more time getting better that shape and then more use it.

Q. I know you've told us many times that you're really just focused on your game. Were you paying any attention to the progress that Nelly was making early in in the round?

A LIM KIM: Yeah, I know already that. I watched her scoreboard, so enjoy together, ooo, make birdie, wow. And then focus again my game.

Q. Was there any point where you were concerned that she was going to catch you by the end?

A LIM KIM: I don't think so, yeah, because I feel really good and then still I have more chance because one more hole. So more better than her, yeah, I feel.

Q. Birdieing two of the last three holes after Nelly had pulled even, what kind of confidence builder was that? How good did it feel to run those two birdies in at 16 and 18?

A LIM KIM: Yeah, I felt. Yeah, confidence a lot.

Q. Neither one of those were short birdies either. What did you see in those putts at 16 and 18?

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A LIM KIM: 16 I saw my line, but I really, really exactly on the -- I saw exactly on the line so just trust that. Yeah, just hit it and then good result. That's all.

Q. And 18?

A LIM KIM: No. 18 is like I want to make birdie because just little downhill and downgrain, but still good line for me, yeah.

I make before a lot, so trust that.

Q. Was this perhaps one of your best putting tournaments since you came over to the LPGA Tour?

A LIM KIM: Yeah. Better than last year, uh-huh. This year first tournament, right? (Smiling.) Let me see this year.

Q. When you win a lot of people celebrate. You're popular. Who are the players that have helped you the most as you transitioned onto the LPGA?

A LIM KIM: A lot, but biggest is Amy Yang. Yeah, she's my hero. And then when I was young I watched her all the time, and then close living in home, so she helps a lot all the time.

Q. Amy Yang?

A LIM KIM: Yeah.

Q. Do you have a U.S. base?

A LIM KIM: Yeah, in Orlando.

Q. So you live close to her in Orlando?

A LIM KIM: I stay her house.

Q. Oh, so do you guys practice together at the same course?

A LIM KIM: Yeah.

Q. Which course is that?

A LIM KIM: I practice in Isleworth and she practice in Bay Hill. Very close.

Q. A Lim, just take us through the round today. What was going through your mind, especially towards the end of the round watching Nelly creep up the leaderboard?

A LIM KIM: Today overall the game was good and I think what I was trying to pull off today, I got it done.

Q. Just take us through the week as well. Second time starting at this event. What were some of the mindsets heading into this week?

A LIM KIM: So I was already implementing the changes and my plan was to just keep driving the changes that I was already having implemented. So there was discomfort, definitely parts where I he felt scared, but I just closed my eyes and I got myself through it.

Q. Is there a part of your game that you noticed this week is working pretty exceptionally well or anything after this week you will start to work on throughout the rest of the year?

A LIM KIM: So I'm proud of myself that even though I was feeling discomfort I attempted and went through with it. After this what I'm going to work on is when I need to be aggressive that I really need to bolt myself down and be aggressive.

Q. Are you a goal setter? Do you sit down and list out goals at the start of the year? If so, what are your goals for this season?

A LIM KIM: The goals that I have set for this year is to have better data for the 140 yard and a better data a for the six yard, so those are the goals.

Q. Have you worked with the same instructor for a long time, and who is that?

A LIM KIM: Yes, so my coach is you (indiscernible) Cho and Tony Ziegler. They have been with me for a long time.

Q. I know you said you saw the birdie from Nelly. Did that spook you at all, make you more excited to birdie 18?

A LIM KIM: So when I saw Nelly birdie 18 I also thought to myself that I'm going to birdie this as well.

Q. Perfect. And you did.

A LIM KIM: Hey, let's go in.

THE MODERATOR: Thank you so much, A Lim.

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