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Aviara Golf Club

Ko Jin Young

Quick Quotes

Q. Here with Jin Young Ko. I know not the day you wanted, but you're still continuing the under-par streak. How do you feel about your day today?

JIN YOUNG KO: It's free. Yeah, I feel free. I'm -- I tried to hit it 60s, but I couldn't.

I don't know what happened. But greens are little tricky to me so I missed a lot of putts, so the reason why I couldn't hit it 60s today.

Q. When you have something like that where you got a streak going of 16 rounds and it ends, how do you treat yourself after that round?

JIN YOUNG KO: Well, I'm trying to take from -- take great things, like positive things today.

I make two bogeys front nine but I make three birdies after the two bogeys, so I finished under par today. It's really good.

Q. Always good to shoot in the red, right?

JIN YOUNG KO: Yep.

Q. After those two bogeys what was the mindset heading into the rest of the round?

JIN YOUNG KO: Well, I don't know. Before the tee off I really don't want to play golf. I don't know what happened to me, but like I really want to go on the beach. (Smiling.)

I lose focus a little bit, and, well, it's something -- it happens sometimes, so it will be fine.

I love to play golf again.

Q. What are some of the positives that you're taking from today?

JIN YOUNG KO: I got three birdies, especially par-5. I got



two birdies on par-5s.

And, yeah, putter or everything was really good. Just I needed little more luck.

Q. Understandable. Heading into the weekend you're in a familiar place, in the mix, per the usual. How are you feeling going into Saturday and Sunday?

JIN YOUNG KO: Yeah, I have two more days before the major tournament, and, yeah, I'm looking forward next two days.

I hope better than today, and it will be. And, yeah, everything is fine. Everything good.

Q. Having a tough putting day like that, how do you reset?

JIN YOUNG KO: For putting?

Q. Yeah.

JIN YOUNG KO: Well, these greens are poana and so tricky, so it happens to everybody. And, yeah, it's fine. Just I have more round two or three round more to come, so I try to calm in my mind and don't be upset on the course.

I'm world ranking No. 1. It's fine. Have good attitude on the course, and I did it. Fine. (Laughter.)

Q. Jin Young, certainly not the day you were looking for; disappointing with that streak in the 60s coming to an end. What was the biggest challenge out there today?

JIN YOUNG KO: Well, these greens are like tricky to me so it was hard to get a lot of birdies today, and I missed a lot of putt for speed, so I had a lot of three-putt today. The reason why I couldn't hit it 60s today.

But I'm looking forward the under par consistency, so it's fine.



Q. You're just a few back now heading into the weekend. How will you regroup the next few days?

JIN YOUNG KO: My feeling is like free right now, so I don't know. I didn't feel comfortable I have to 60s, but after now, feels free.

I love this course, so looking forward next two days.

Q. How much did that streak and trying to shoot in the 60s weigh on you over the last few days?

JIN YOUNG KO: Well, it's -- well, it's a little challenging to me, but I think I grew up little more, because I had to shooting 60s today, too, but, well, last 60s round I make it and it's fine, and maybe more to come.

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