

# Sony Open in Hawaii

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Waialae Country Club

## Chan Kim

### Quick Quotes

**Q. Finished now on a birdie in your first Sunday in the Sony Open. Just talk about playing the full week.**

CHAN KIM: Yeah, it was a lot of fun first of all. I had a lot of friends and family come out and it was just nice to play at home. Would've been nice to play a little better, but first event of the season, I think I held it together pretty well.

You know, hopefully this will lead to some bigger things in the near future.

**Q. For just Sony Open purposes, does this give you that extra confidence, motivation, to come back in the future and play into the weekend?**

CHAN KIM: Oh, yeah, this event will forever be a stop in my books. You know, just to come back home, like I said, to play in front of all the locals, just brings back a lot of memories.

There is definitely some emotion tied in there, but, yeah, this will forever be a stop for me.

**Q. And you kind of mentioned that first tournament of the year. You finished 6-under on the week. You mentioned hopefully leading to better things. What does that do for you when it comes to catapulting into the season?**

CHAN KIM: Yeah, obviously this being the season opener for me, I needed to dial some stuff in. Simple things like warming up, what was I focusing on, what I was not focusing on.

We figured out I just needed to do a little bit more pace work when I start off first thing in the morning on the putting green.

I was too tied up on green reading stuff and trying to hit the six-footers. I just didn't get a general pace for the greens, and so I struggled the second day with pace. Then yesterday and today my pace was a lot better. Ended up making a few putts today from range.



Yeah, I think it helped me kind of realize what I need to put my focus into before my rounds, and, yeah, hopefully that will kind of carry on and I'll be more prepared once I get on the golf course.

**Q. This is your first tournament this year. Do you already know what your next stop is?**

CHAN KIM: Yeah, next so we're flying red eye over to LAX tonight, and then going to drive over to Palm Springs for Amex. So that will be my next stop.

**Q. For the rest of the season, I know you just mentioned the putting and we saw you on your last hole there.**

CHAN KIM: Yeah.

**Q. Told your caddie you thought you had it. Is that confidence in the putting increasing?**

CHAN KIM: Yeah, I felt good over a lot of putts the last two days. First day as well. And like I said, once I get the pace dialed in a little bit better, my reads tend to get better because they're more consistent.

You know, basically if you get the pace right it takes one variable out of play. Yeah, I felt really confident over every putt I hit. Hopefully I can kind of clean up some of the pace work and get better on green reading and make a few more putts.

**Q. Fun one before you get on your red eye. What are you trying to grab to eat before you leave home?**

CHAN KIM: Oh, man. That's a good question. Maybe some garlic shrimp or Loco Moco, or both, probably. Some candies for sure. We actually went to the Honolulu Cookie Company yesterday. Spent about \$450. Not just for me. It's for everybody back in Arizona, too.

Definitely going to try and eat as much as I can before I get on this flight and I can sleep my way all the way there.



