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## Tom Kim

### Quick Quotes

**Q. The finishing holes here are pretty brutal under any circumstances. How much tougher does it become when you have all the projections and the math and stuff happening?**

TOM KIM: Yeah, I was actually cruising. A bogey on 16 cost me a lot. Then hit a good drive and then another really poor missed shot, just anywhere left is fine and missed it right. I knew I needed something special on the last, and hit a good drive, and the wind switched and the wind started to pick up, and didn't cover.

This season has just been -- it's just been like this. I've played really good golf, and then had some tough finishes. I feel like 2024 has really kicked me in the butt. But I've gotten so much better. I've fought really hard just to get myself many this situation. I was 90-something before we went on this run, and it looks like I'm going to miss by one. But it is what it is.

I told myself before the day that if I didn't play well, I really felt like I was going to finish 51. I kind of told myself, if that happens, I've done everything I could to be inside that top 50 and hopefully give myself a chance at TOUR Championship. But I couldn't, and I'm going to look forward to a really good off-season because I'm pretty tired.

**Q. Is the pressure similar to trying to close out a tournament or playing for your Presidents Cup team? How would you describe the pressure of trying to get this done?**

TOM KIM: I wasn't really feeling a lot of nerves. Just kind of went about my game plan. I was feeling really good with my golf game. I hit two bad shots that really just cost me everything. Two 5-irons, that's it. The drive on 18 was a good shot, and it just went right -- sorry, it just stayed there and the wind picked up. Didn't really do anything bad, and two 5-irons cost me three shots. I would have easily make it to finishing where I finished.



**Q. You won't play more in the fall?**

TOM KIM: I don't know. It's been a long road. Mentally I just don't think I was sharp enough for these past few weeks. I played nine weeks in a row. On my eighth week of it, I played in a final group holding the lead every day, and then went in a playoff, and played the Olympics. I've been through a lot.

51, 52, 50, it's not going to matter. I'm just looking forward to getting some rest and getting ready for next year.

**Q. After 16 how did your mentality change, if at all?**

TOM KIM: It didn't really change at all. I just hit a really good drive on the next hole, and then just hit the fairway and it was a tricky shot. I needed to keep it under the trees, and just a poor swing.

**Q. Did you think you needed to make birdie on 18?**

TOM KIM: I did think I was going to need a shot, but at the same time, it's not like I played overly aggressive. I picked a good target, and it was into the wind so I couldn't hit 3-wood so I had to hit driver. It stayed dead straight, and the wind got it, and it didn't cover.

**Q. I saw you look back at the lake after you finished up on 18. Can you talk about what was going through your mind in that moment?**

TOM KIM: Just this year, man. This year has been really tough for me personally. I went through a lot of changes. I played some good golf and had probably five bad rounds that cost me possibly one top 5, one top 10, and something like this. First round, second round I think I finished 5-over my last few holes. When things aren't going your way, things aren't going your way. It shows you in a decent year, this could have been like a 30th instead of a 51st.

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