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Oakmont Country Club

Si Woo Kim

Flash Interview



THE MODERATOR: Si Woo Kim, 2-under 68. Talk a little bit about the round and what it means to shoot under par here at Oakmont.

SI WOO KIM: Yeah, it was a good start and then didn't even windy much this morning, so that's why I played, I feel like, more easier because I played the last couple days kind of like hard wind. It kind of feel helpful for me.

I started great, so I drive it great, so I think it helps really, kept the good scoring, this course. Yeah, it was a good round.

Q. Your first U.S. Open was 2017 after Oakmont. I'm sure you've heard how tough it was. What was your preparation like this week?

SI WOO KIM: It was tough. I played three nine holes, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and I saw the past scores, like 5-over win. Honestly, I don't even know what I'm doing on the course.

Kind of hitting good but feel like this course is too hard for me. So kind of like no expectation, but I played great today.

Q. You don't feel like you know what you're doing? How has it all clicked into place for you?

SI WOO KIM: Yeah, I'm seeing more -- even if I shot 80, I feel like not going to be bad round. But I did it great because less windy for sure first nine holes, and then hitting pretty much -- only couple misses rough, I think that helps me to play, get the good score.

Q. You made a real impact now, the last two couple of majors really getting your name right up there atop the leaderboard. What does that do for your confidence levels because your confidence must be really high now.

SI WOO KIM: Yeah, I used to be playing not great in majors, so yeah, that helps me a lot, and then always getting to the majors and feeling less confident and I can't

do this. But I did it pretty good last PGA, so I think that helps me more confidence.

Yeah, that was the turning point. So I get here, even the course was tough, but maybe I can do it again.

Q. Early round today; you'll have some time. What will you do the rest of the day?

SI WOO KIM: Yeah, I'm just so tired, like playing this course. I'm just going to have lunch and then do some putt and then watch some golf.

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