

The 150th Open

Mixed Zone

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Min Woo Lee



MIN WOO LEE: It was amazing. I thought I holed that last shot. Obviously it was very close. Little mishap on the double hole, but very good recovery. I'm pretty happy with the way the whole week went.

Q. What happened with that double?

MIN WOO LEE: I was a little shook there. Like a Siri noise came just on my downswing, and I literally had to stop midway, and I literally missed the ball by this much. It was crazy.

It was fine, and then the next swing was absolutely horrendous. I hit it 50 metres off the tee and pretty much shanked it, skunk shanked it into the trees, into the gorse, and had to take a drop. Made a good double at the end. Was pretty lucky with the next shot too.

Like I said, I made three birdies coming in, which was incredible. I made a really good up-and-down on 17. I was proud of the way I handled myself.

Q. So it was a swing because of the noise? A mis-swing?

MIN WOO LEE: No, no, if you didn't have an intention of hitting it, you're fine. But like midway I literally had to stop, and it was closer to downswing.

Q. It put you off?

MIN WOO LEE: Yeah. I was very shocked. Even the swings after that, I felt like my swing, I was in a different dimension because, I don't know, that's never happened in my life. I've stopped up here. I did stop on the 8th hole up on my backswing, but that was really close to the ball.

Q. In the majors you've had a really good season. You must be pretty pumped.

MIN WOO LEE: I wish they were all majors. It's the only tournaments I'm playing good in at the moment. I'm going to learn off this, and I need to make sure I keep that mentality of that grind because, when I'm in that zone, it's pretty impressive.

I'm pretty proud of the way I handled myself. Bad shots, I turn

it around. This week was very good at bounce backs, and this year it's been quite a struggle to bounce back.

Q. You can play Presidents Cup this year?

MIN WOO LEE: If I get in, I'll be over the moon. Obviously a long way to go, guys pulling out because of the other Tour. Yeah, I have a better chance. Like I said, hopefully I don't know if I can grab one of those top eight spots, but hopefully the captain can see what I can do under pressure.

Yeah, I feel like I can play when there's that if you're behind -- well, back against the wall type of golf. Yeah, it will be exciting. I love team events.

Q. This is the third major really this year you've done so well on a Sunday. Do you walk in on Sunday morning like feeling different, feeling more pumped up?

MIN WOO LEE: Yeah. Yesterday was -- you know yesterday, just with the late tee time, I just felt a little anxious and a little not aggressive enough. Today I just had a different mindset. Really good swings off the tees early on and kind of got me going. A few birdies on the front nine.

It was pretty cruisy actually. That's a learning curve as well, just to keep that mindset all the time. Obviously that's tough, but if I can get myself into that zone, it's pretty cool.

Q. What's your schedule looking like? You going to swap any time between America?

MIN WOO LEE: I don't think I've made enough points for Korn Ferry Finals -- no, sorry. To get my TOUR card. So I'm going to go to Korn Ferry Finals in about a month's time, and hopefully I can knock it out there, three tournaments there.

Q. How big was this event for your career? The 150th Open, special week, I guess.

MIN WOO LEE: Yeah, it's amazing. You're at The Open, 150th, second Open and it's my fifth major. So I don't have too much experience, but I've done pretty well, I think, for a track record to start off.

Like I said, I hope there's more majors.



