

The 151st Open

Mixed Zone

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Tom Kim



Q. Can I ask you what happened?

TOM KIM: Yeah, I just -- something very unfortunate. After the round yesterday I got home and I looked -- where I'm staying, there is like this patio and it drops down to the grass. There is like half a yard of mud and my foot got caught and slipped and popped.

So, yeah, it's a grade one tear. I'm barely walking, but it's cool how I got away with it.

Q. So just a fluke accident?

TOM KIM: Yeah, very unfortunate thing. It's pretty bruised. I can't take off my shoe really. I don't know how I really walked.

But once the adrenaline popped in I got away with it. Now I'm surviving.

Q. Did you seek any treatment?

TOM KIM: Yeah, no, it was very close to call it off and not playing today, get home and try to see a doctor because it's pretty bruised.

But, no, I got some tough love from my team and I was told to suck it up. I certainly did that and played well today.

Q. The reason you didn't was just because it's a bigger championship?

TOM KIM: No, it was -- so my trainer did tell me it was definitely playable. I taped it up a lot where it's not going to get worse. It's just uncomfortable. I'm not going to give up. It's just not who I am.

I definitely went out there with low expectations of I don't know how to hit the golf ball. It was definitely a lot of half swings. Once I started to warm and get more comfortable with it I was able to play around with it.

I wanted to see how was it the first few holes benefit decided to -- what to do.

No, but kind of worked out well. I hit the ball better than

yesterday without a bad foot, so maybe it's a good thing.

Q. (Indiscernible.) When did you start to feel like, hey, I'm okay here?

TOM KIM: I think it -- my first hole I could barely walk. It started getting warmer. I think I birdied 3 -- was it 4 and 5, and then I started to feel better about myself.

So I think that helped a little bit. So, no, but obviously playing well helps, but definitely once the sun started to come up I got warmer and like I said the adrenaline hit.

I was able to get through it.

Q. (Indiscernible.)

TOM KIM: Exactly. Yeah, if it was last week at The Renaissance I would not make it at all.

Q. What's the plan now?

TOM KIM: Just put the my foot on ice the whole day and try to have some medicine and try to eat well and just rest up for tomorrow.

Q. Lower expectations?

TOM KIM: But I do need a wheelchair going to the clubhouse. I might need some help.

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