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A Lim Kim

Press Conference

THE MODERATOR: All right, very pleased to welcome in our defending champion of the Hilton Grand Vacations Tournament of Champions, A Lim Kim. Talk about being back here at Lake Nona and how it feels to be back defending your title.

A LIM KIM: I really fun to defend the title for me, and then that course really familiar and then more than cold. (Smiling.)

Q. What were some of the things you worked on this offseason to prepare for 2026?

A LIM KIM: I work on my flex mobility and then more strength and then more short game. (Smiling.) Yeah, that's all.

Q. How would you assess where your game is coming into the season?

A LIM KIM: Last year remind my game better than two years ago everything, but I look up to short game, greenside chipping and then six yard inside putt, so I'm going to more focus on working on it.

Q. What specifically about your short game are you looking to improve on?

A LIM KIM: Yeah, last year I made mistake a lot not thicker rough, medium length rough play a really bad. Just ten yard, 15 yard short side situation.

And then green read not enough, so I'm going to start AimPoint and then more good skill. Yeah, I think more important this year focus on more short game, yeah, 30 yard inside game.

Q. Have you ever tried AimPoint before?

A LIM KIM: No.



Q. Who will be your instructor for that?

A LIM KIM: Mark Sweeney.

Q. Straight to the source. Last year when you came here you were working on shaping your shots.

A LIM KIM: Yeah.

Q. On a scale of one to ten, how much have you mastered that?

A LIM KIM: Seven. (Laughter.) I'm very honest.

Q. You are. So what will get to you ten? What's holding you back a little bit.

A LIM KIM: Keep working on it because I need more data and more experience, and then when I get more experience I can get more good educated guess.

So just keep doing it. I have more the time, automatically I can get ten. Yeah, coming soon.

Q. When will you meet with Sweeney?

A LIM KIM: Sweeney teach me how can I use to the AimPoint and then use the finger, and so, yeah...

Q. So you already met with him?

A LIM KIM: Yeah.

Q. So you're implementing it now?

A LIM KIM: (Nods.)

Q. Is it helping?

A LIM KIM: Honestly from now my level is for beginner. Yeah, baby steps.

Q. When did you meet with him, a week ago, two week ago?



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A LIM KIM: Yesterday and then last year after CME. Yeah. I'm start it working.

Q. What made you want to start want to start doing AimPoint?

A LIM KIM: Because my read isn't so good. So some familiar green is no problem for me but some speed faster and then some green, I make mistake green read. Yeah, not matching my putting speed.

So I did help, yeah.

Q. How challenging is it to read the greens here at Lake Nona?

A LIM KIM: I love the fast green, so that's good challenging for me. Let me see.

Q. The weather this year is quite different than when you won here last year. It was much warmer. How different do you think the course will play for you this weekend compared to last year?

A LIM KIM: More short distance because cold, so (indiscernible) a little off. But I felt better than warm because I work hard body training with the strength so my worry is too far distance.

Too far, when I too far, calculus not easy for me. So just short -- getting short is better calculate, yeah.

Q. Some players enjoy playing in the cold. Do you like it?

A LIM KIM: I love it. (Laughter.) Better than humidity.

Q. Just what has it felt like to come back to Lake Nona as defending champion driving in, getting on the range, getting back out there?

A LIM KIM: Super fun, but time is over, so I'm ready to make new season. Let's go.

Q. What will it take for you to win again this year?

A LIM KIM: Yeah, I'm going to try. I'm going to try. But my process not focus on the win, focus on my line and then distance, that's all. So I'm going to do my process, yeah.

Q. When I was talking to you in the summer you were talking about sprinting. Are you doing that now?

A LIM KIM: A little different program this year, last year when I leave after I'm going to sprint for one hour. This

year I'm going to middle of the week I'm going leap jumping.

Q. Jumping?

A LIM KIM: Yeah, more. It's (indiscernible) yeah.

Q. Are you jumping rope or box jumping?

A LIM KIM: Weight.

Q. Jumping with weights?

A LIM KIM: With the weight, yeah. So same process but different performance. So getting bigger my body.

Q. Got you. Thank you.

A LIM KIM: Uh-huh.

THE MODERATOR: Thank you A Lim.

A LIM KIM: Thank you.

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