

# Kia Classic

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Carlsbad, California, USA

Park Hyatt Aviara Golf Club

## Minjee Lee

### Quick Quotes

**Q. Minjee, solid 3-under 69 today. Start with the eagle on 8. How cool was that? What went into that approach and finish?**

MINJEE LEE: Actually, I had a really good in them. I think I had 162 meters to the pin and it was slightly into the wind, and I hit the most perfect 5-iron to three feet.

So that was a really nice eagle.

**Q. And then you had four birdies, numbers 3, 6, 7, and 14. Any particular one of those maybe stand out a little more than another?**

MINJEE LEE: I feel like if you make birdie on this golf course it just feels really good. Sometimes it's kind of tough to get by, so, yeah, if I hit -- I hit quite a few really good shots into the green. I had really short putts for birdie on a couple, so that was nice.

**Q. Double on 10. What happened on 10?**

MINJEE LEE: Oh, I just made like blooper after blooper after blooper. I hit it in the bunker sort of on to the face of the bunker but I wasn't in the bunker, and then I hit it into the back bunker. So, yeah. That's end of story. It was just not good from there.

**Q. San Diego is known for beaches, but you don't want to be in them.**

MINJEE LEE: Not in that one anyway.

**Q. You mentioned the pins and how different they were on the nines. Take us through the difference in the pin locations.**

MINJEE LEE: Yeah, for sure. The front nine I think you could be quite a lot more aggressive. The pins were more closer to the front and I think with the wind direction you had a lot more wedges in.

But on the back nine the wind got up a little bit more and

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then the pins were more on the back and sort of tucked in a couple places.

So with the speed of the greens right now it's going to be tricky. Yeah, I think it was a little tricky on the back nine.

**Q. I would imagine a lot better conditions to play manage today.**

MINJEE LEE: I mean, yesterday was just really cold and little rainy. Yeah, definitely nicer this morning and just overall for the day today.

**Q. Outside of the pins, did the course play a little different than yesterday afternoon?**

MINJEE LEE: I don't think so. I mean, it might have played a little bit shorter because just with the conditions not as wet. I mean, it was only a little bit wet, but, no, I don't think there was a huge difference. Just the wind, it wasn't as windy when we played.

**Q. Obviously the hole locations, low scores are dependant on pin locations. We've seen low numbers out here.**

MINJEE LEE: Yeah.

**Q. I think the 18-hole record is 10-under. So what will the weather or the conditions needed to be in order for low numbers to be found over the weekend as you continue to make a charge up the leaderboard hopefully?**

MINJEE LEE: I mean, everybody is so talented out here, so anybody can have 10-under par I think. I think mostly if the weather -- I mean weather warms up, the drives will go a little bit longer and the probably the greens -- I don't think they'll firm up too much, so I think you can be pretty aggressive going into the pins.

So I think with more wedges and shorter irons in I think you're going to have a better look for birdie.

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