

Cognizant Founders Cup

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Mountain Ridge Country Club

Jin Young Ko

Quick Quotes



Q. Jin Young with a 69 here in round three this afternoon to extend your lead to 4. When I spoke to you this morning you told me your goal was to go out and be more aggressive this afternoon. How were you able to do that?

JIN YOUNG KO: Well, I think I didn't much too aggressive play in the afternoon, but I'm still, yeah, play was good. Then I still made it 2-under par today. Yeah, I cannot wait for play tomorrow.

Q. The course seemed to play much harder this afternoon. How did the conditions compare here in round three to the last two days?

JIN YOUNG KO: Last two days wasn't breeze much on the course, but today maybe ten miles away. So little hard to get like club choice or like whatever, so...

But, yeah, still course is amazing, so fairways are really good and greens are perfect.

So, yeah, if hitting good or putting well, made more under par.

Q. You're taking a nice cushion into the final round. What do you think it'll take to hang on and get the win here tomorrow?

JIN YOUNG KO: Well, I don't want to think about win. Just think about I want to just think about my body or my swing or my putting. And I will have fun with my caddie, Dave Brooker. And, yeah, after tomorrow I will go back to Korea, so that's going to be motivation for me.

I'm little tired. This week is my four in a row. But, yeah, still play fine and I enjoy it.

Q. Defending Cognizant Founders Cup champion, Jin Young Ko with a four-stroke lead heading into the final round. Jin Young, long day today, up early, but you got done. Tell me about your third round today. How did you play today?

JIN YOUNG KO: I played four holes in the morning and I played 18 holes in the afternoon, and I had great round today and I play with Lindsey and So Yeon. I played first time with Lindsey and she's great player and we had really fun on the course.

Yeah. Finally I have one more days.

Q. Just one more day of your four-week stretch. I know you got to be exhausted. How are you feeling physically?

JIN YOUNG KO: Well, it's fine. I'm still young right now, so it's fine. My recovery or everything is good. Yeah, I can't wait to play for tomorrow.

Q. Yes. You had four birdies, two bogeys today. Overall pretty solid round. But the course was a lot different from the last two days it seemed. A lot more windy and colder. What was the difference like for you?

JIN YOUNG KO: Well, first two days wasn't breeze on the course so we had maximum 7- or 6-iron on the par-4. Today we had a lot of hybrid, especially par-3 was really long.

But I made it par and birdie, so pretty happy.

Q. How do you maintain your focus when you have to play in the morning and then a break and then come back in the afternoon?

JIN YOUNG KO: Well, I took a nap after four holes in the morning, and so I tried to feel fresh before the tee off in the afternoon.

Well, when I play on the course I can focus well. Like I know how do I play golf and how do I putt. I know well, so, yeah, it's fine.

Q. How aware are you are you of tying Annika's record for consecutive rounds in the 60s? Were you aware of that going to the 18th hole, and how important is that



to you?

JIN YOUNG KO: I don't think that's not important for me. I mean, yeah, this is really great honor beat with Annika. But, yeah, if I'm going to hit 69 or 68 or 70, doesn't matter really. If I play well and putting well or swing well, everything is fine.

Yeah, I don't want to think about like course record or something like that.

Q. You've had the lead all week here at Mountain Ridge. Going into tomorrow with it, does that change your game plan at all or just trying to stick to what you've been doing?

JIN YOUNG KO: Well, I will say I been playing same as much last three days for tomorrow, and nothing is going to change at all.

Q. Do you find yourself looking at that leaderboard to see if people are catching up at all?

JIN YOUNG KO: No, I didn't see the scoreboard.

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