

# The Chevron Championship

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Rancho Mirage, California, USA

Mission Hills Country Club

## Minjee Lee

### Quick Quotes

**Q. Here with Minjee Lee, 6-under 66; bogey-free day; best round here since 2018. What was clicking for you out there today?**

MINJEE LEE: I mean, I started on the back nine. I think I made maybe three birdies in the first maybe six holes, so off to a pretty nice start.

Just tried to just trust the process, my process, and just have a good back nine. Finished with two birdies, so it was nice.

**Q. You had birdies on your back nine, 11, 13, 14, and 18. Any of those particularly good holes? What were the story of those birdies?**

MINJEE LEE: My second birdie I had -- it was like kind of weaved through the trees because I hit the cart path and went a little bit left, so that was a nice birdie.

The next hole, the par-3, was tucked left and I made birdie there, too, so really good shot in.

**Q. And then I'll just ask about your birdie on the closing hole, No. 9, that got you up into a tie for the lead. Tell us about that one, and did you know it was potentially to get to the top the leaderboard?**

MINJEE LEE: Oh, I'm not sure. I didn't even look at the leaderboard. I just really wanted to finish off with a birdie. It was a par-5 so I had a really good drive down there and I think I only had 216 meters to the pin.

Yeah, just hit a little cut 3-wood and just went over the left side, over the back, so yeah, just a chip and a putt.

**Q. Seems like pretty pristine scoring conditions out there today. How does the golf course look?**

MINJEE LEE: Yeah, it was perfect. Not like a breath of wind when we played. Maybe just a tiny bit.

But conditions are great. Putting greens are rolling real



nice. I don't think you can get better than that.

**Q. Additional confidence coming into a major championship being a major champion?**

MINJEE LEE: I think, yeah. I know I have one under my belt, but I do want a little bit more.

So, yeah, I just think I have a little bit more belief in myself and my game so I can be a little bit more comfortable just hitting the shots that I choose.

**Q. There is pressure at every major, but is there less knowing that you've already done it once?**

MINJEE LEE: Nah. I don't think so. I think the most pressure is the pressure you put on yourself, so, yeah.

**Q. What's your most outstanding memory from the first time you came here?**

MINJEE LEE: Oh, my first memory here?

**Q. Uh-huh.**

MINJEE LEE: So my coach has a picture of me jumping up into the mountains, so I jumped and then he took a picture, and was it was my rookie season -- no, amateur, one year as an amateur.

It was just down the first hole and it was when it was Kraft Nabisco still. Yeah, it's just a great picture.

**Q. Where is it? Do you have it?**

MINJEE LEE: It's in my coach's I guess, what do you call it, like office.

**Q. Office?**

MINJEE LEE: Yeah.

**Q. What will you miss the most about this place?**

MINJEE LEE: I just think like the atmosphere, and



obviously the golf course is really great and the conditions are always amazing.

I think that's what I will miss most.

**Q. You birdied 18 and 9. I think I've seen more people go for 18 in two today than I did all last year.**

MINJEE LEE: Yep.

**Q. You knocked it on there. Why do you think it might be playing to where you can get there in two without hesitating?**

MINJEE LEE: There are two tees, so we were on the up tee today. That's why -- I only had 5-iron in today, so I think if you can get it down the fairway you'll have a pretty good chance to knock it on today.

**Q. And you were just off the back, right?**

MINJEE LEE: No, I was on the green.

**Q. Oh. You're the one that curled it down on the green.**

MINJEE LEE: Yeah.

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