

The Chevron Championship

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Rancho Mirage, California, USA

Mission Hills Country Club

Jin Young Ko

Quick Quotes



Q. What a difference a day makes. How did today feel different, especially the back nine?

JIN YOUNG KO: Well, yeah, it's a lot of different as yesterday and today for putting.

I (indiscernible) my putting average today and I saw lots of one putts today. So, well, I didn't get on the green, so make par on putt, but, yeah, it's a happy to make under 30 putts. Yesterday was 34, so was good.

And I had a lot of birdie today.

Q. What felt different on the greens? You said yesterday you struggled reading them.

JIN YOUNG KO: Well, I don't know. I got two birdies on the first and second holes, so I got good flow so I can easy to read for break on the greens. And speed, speed was good.

Little thing was change as yesterday and today so we will -- I think it makes me help me a little bit.

Q. Is there anything you worked on with your putting yesterday to today to improve by ten strokes?

JIN YOUNG KO: Well, I practice yesterday a little bit for putting and this morning I practice little more than the other days.

So I don't know what happened, but I'm happy with under 30 putts.

Q. What's a normal practice like in the morning versus what changed? How much longer did you work on it?

JIN YOUNG KO: I think I practice more than five minutes, like the other days.

Q. Huge, huge.

JIN YOUNG KO: Yeah, in the desert.

Q. And there is not many players we could say could comfortably come back from the gap you had. What comfort level does it give you that you have the ability to make up such a large gap?

JIN YOUNG KO: If I'm eliminated I can just go back home to Texas. If not, it's just two more days of extension.

So I don't have pressure. So, yeah, I'm fine.

Q. Really? You didn't feel pressure to make the cut today?

JIN YOUNG KO: No.

Q. No?

JIN YOUNG KO: No.

Q. How come? You're the No. 1 player in the world.

JIN YOUNG KO: I'm just physically a little tired at the moment. Yeah, like if I make it then I'm going to have the extension of two more days to play. And if not, I'm just going back.

But I do love this course so much that I did feel like I wanted -- I had the urge of making it. If not, it's just not a big pressure to, you know, have the extension of two days.

Q. How long have you had the Mickey Mouse marker there?

JIN YOUNG KO: This one?

Q. Yeah.

JIN YOUNG KO: In last -- in Portland in last year.

Q. Where did you get it?

JIN YOUNG KO: Well, in Korea. I got in Korea. We had one caddie for players on the golf course, golf club, so I got three birdies and then she -- the caddie get me this one.



So and then I lost. I was losing one mark, like same one. This is fore men, like Mickey. I had Minnie. Minnie was lost, so she brought this one to here.

Q. So the caddie gave you Minnie?

JIN YOUNG KO: Two.

Q. Two Minnies for your birdies?

JIN YOUNG KO: Uh-huh.

Q. Okay. So is it kind of good luck?

JIN YOUNG KO: Hopefully, yeah.

Q. Have you been to Disney?

JIN YOUNG KO: No.

Q. Do you want to go?

JIN YOUNG KO: I want to go.

Q. How does the tiredness affect you on the course? What part of your game do you feel it impacts?

JIN YOUNG KO: I think last week was tough course so I used lots of energy on the course, and then hilly was, so my body feels little tired. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday I slept over ten hours every day.

I don't know what happened. Usually I slept just seven or eight hours, but ten hours sleep.

Q. Wow. This week?

JIN YOUNG KO: Yeah, I know. So I guess I think before the major, the tournament, I think I was (indiscernible - plane.)

I think my feel didn't working, so we'll see.

Q. Strategy. How long of a break are you looking to take after this event?

JIN YOUNG KO: Two weeks, ten days to two weeks.

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