

# JM Eagle LA Championship

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## Grace Kim

### Quick Quotes



**Q. Okay, here with Grace Kim, our clubhouse leader at the moment. 12-under total score. Another 5-under day. I know 7-under yesterday. What have you been doing so well on this course?**

GRACE KIM: I guess I'm not too sure. I think the less thoughts, the better. Obviously during the afternoon round today we've got poana greens so just have to stay patient with them.

You can kind of see how it can get bumpy, so working with the course and not getting too wrapped up around putts not going in.

Yeah, just making sure you don't force anything; same as yesterday.

**Q. What were some of the keys for you out there in terms of your game? I know you hit a lot of greens. Has that been a big factor?**

GRACE KIM: Yes, I think missing the green here you've got your bermudagrass around the green so, yeah, can work out, but also be penalizing.

So making sure you hit all the fairways, and the greens and obviously can get bouncy. I guess the greens are generally quite bouncy.

So, yeah, just working with the course again was probably the key factor.

**Q. Where have most of your birdies come from? Are they long putts or really good putts or are you hitting it super close?**

GRACE KIM: I think majority of them were more putting close to the pin. I did have one long putt that I holed, but other than that, yeah, just got to try and keep it close to the pins so then you have more of a chance of not having to bump across too many bumps.

**Q. 13 I know you had an eagle.**

GRACE KIM: Yes.

**Q. Take us through that.**

GRACE KIM: I hit a drive -- obviously the tees were further forward today so I made sure I didn't fall too far left. So I aimed my drive right. Sneaked a little bit left into the fairway and had a little bit of a shot where the ball was above my feet, and hit a 5-wood. Kind of started outside right of the green and then, yeah, put it to ten feet I think, then yeah, just dropped the putt in.

**Q. Obviously tomorrow is moving day. What are some of the goals for Saturday?**

GRACE KIM: I think I've got to breathe a little bit. I did get a little bit nervous on my probably back nine, so making sure I don't rush too much and, yeah, just staying in the present probably.

**Q. How hard is it to quiet the thoughts in your mind. I know you said that's been important for you this week. What physically does that look like? How do you do that?**

GRACE KIM: I'm not sure. Kind of just work with the situation. But, again, I think trying to block that out by focusing on my start line, my type of shot, and whatever you need to do to get the ball close to the hole and making sure there is not too much distractions going on.

**Q. If you were to make it all the way, another Australian to win. Is this course Aussie friendly or what?**

GRACE KIM: I guess so. Yeah. I mean, someone asked me if this course kind of looked like Australia. I compared it more to the Gold Coast, so up north of where I am. Yeah, I guess so.

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