

# Epson Tour Championship

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LPGA International, Jones Course

## Auston Kim

### Quick Quotes

**Q. I'm here with Auston Kim. Auston, you just finished your round. What is going through your head right now? What are the emotions?**

AUSTON KIM: I can't even describe...

It's been such a long year for me. Not just me, but for my family. My mom has been on the bag all year. My dad, my coach has been there 24/7. There have been a lot of rough times, a lot of tears.

Couple events ago I felt like I couldn't even make a cut again, but with the help of my dad and my sister, my entire family, I was able to get through that and push through.

Last week was really hard because I felt like my game was there. I had one really upsetting round and my putting just wasn't working second round, too.

To be able to break through that wall and know that I was knocking the entire time and just believing in myself 100%, -- oh, my God, I can't even describe the feeling.

All those hours I stayed working hard with my parents and with my mom on the bag all year, I'm really glad it came to fruition.

**Q. Awesome to see it. You started off really fast out there.**

AUSTON KIM: I did.

**Q. After maybe especially that eagle, what was going through your mind? I mean, you held the lead for a lot of today. That is incredible.**

AUSTON KIM: Yeah, after the eagle I was like, okay, there is a lot of golf left.

But I got a really good start. I mean, when I woke up this morning I knew there was a possibility of having a really slow start, maybe making a couple mistakes.

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But I drew back from past experience in a tournament where I had the lead overnight. I started out really well there but I couldn't close. I just thought back to that and knew that I learned a lot of lessons in that second nine. I made a lot of the mistakes like on 10, 11, 12, 13, but I was able to refocus.

I did make a bogey on 11, but after that I knew I just had to stay patient because the putts weren't dropping all of a sudden.

I knew I made a lot of putts early on, so that was bound to happen. I just kept my wits about me and stayed as cool as I could.

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