

LIV Golf Hong Kong

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Hong Kong Golf Club

Max Lee

Press Conference

THE MODERATOR: Let's welcome our wild card player, Max Lee. It's his first time up here. What an impressive round of golf today. You're currently sitting at T2. You fired off an impressive 65 today, shot 5-under par. Tell us a little bit about your round.

MAX LEE: It's a pretty solid round today. After the first three holes -- the first three holes is a little bit of a struggle, and after the first three holes, I just talked to myself, just be calm and play shot by shot. And we got a good result.

Q. Do you have experience playing this golf course before?

MAX LEE: Yeah, actually we come here every year. The Asian Tour event is the Hong Kong Open, so yeah, I've played many times on this course, and I have many great memories here.

Q. Do you feel very comfortable playing around this course?

MAX LEE: Yes, it is.

Q. Are you going to be a little bit nervous tomorrow going out there knowing you're so high up on the leaderboard?

MAX LEE: I think I will, but I just try to stay focused and in the moment and enjoy it.

Q. What does the rest of your night look like tonight? What are you going to do to relax?

MAX LEE: Just do the same as yesterday. Yeah, have a good dinner, enjoy dinner with my girlfriend. Yeah, that's it.

Q. You joined us from the International Series. You won the golden ticket, and now you are here only three tournaments in, sitting at the top of the leaderboard amongst some of the greatest players in the world, sitting up there in the post round press conference. How does that feel?



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MAX LEE: After the first two events when I come back home, I always talk to myself; I need to change a little bit my mind and try to control the tempo.

After that, today, I just feel more comfortable, not like the first two events. That's how it's different.

Question:

As for what you just mentioned, you've already played two rounds of LIV matches here. Since you've been here many times before, is there anything particularly special this time? Is there anything different compared to previous Hong Kong Opens, like the music or something else?

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MAX LEE:

The course we're playing on this year is quite different from the past Hong Kong Opens. I feel that the greens are harder this year, and there's more bounce. Even after it rained yesterday and today, my team and I still feel that the greens are harder than in previous years when we played here. So, I think that's the biggest difference. As for other aspects, well, this course has always been challenging for me because of the wind. The wind is really tricky and hard to control. So, we've been focusing a lot of our attention on this aspect.

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Question:

And what about external factors? Like the music, which isn't usually present—have you gotten used to it?

MAX LEE:

I feel that this week has been pretty quiet. Maybe it's because last week at the previous event in Australia, it was really loud. So this week, it doesn't feel noisy at all. I've been able to stay very focused.



