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## 4Aces GC

**Dustin Johnson**

**Anthony Kim**

**Thomas Detry**

**Thomas Pieters**

Press Conference



THE MODERATOR: Let's welcome to the media center 4Aces GC, captain Dustin Johnson, Anthony Kim, Thomas Pieters and Thomas Detry. Welcome to LIV Golf Korea. DJ, the 4Aces have three team wins this season, most recently in Virginia, and your three teammates are all in the top 10 in the individual standings this year. As not only captain but part team owner, how proud are you of the moves you made this off-season, bringing on AK and Thomas, and also, what's that experience like working with your GM to help build and shape a roster?

DUSTIN JOHNSON: Yeah, it's been great. Obviously this year we've had a really good season despite -- these three guys are playing really well. I feel like I'm starting to play a little better. But it's been a lot of fun.

Obviously we've got a really solid team. All four guys are playing pretty solid. Obviously Detry has had a really nice year. AK has been playing well, too. Then me and Thomas, we're hanging in there.

But yeah, it's been fun. Obviously anytime you're on the podium, it's a lot more fun than not being on it.

**Q. AK, you're currently in fifth place in the season-long individual standings, obviously had the historic win in Adelaide, and coming off a final round in Virginia, which was, I believe, your career best for LIV Golf, career-best round there. Does that Sunday performance provide any extra momentum or confidence heading into this week?**

ANTHONY KIM: Obviously, I've been working hard for the last two and a half years, but the goal stays the same. If I just keep doing what I'm doing, I'm going to keep getting better. To see some nice results feels good, but I know

that I can play a lot better and be more consistent.

Just going to keep getting 1 percent better every day and see what happens.

**Q. TP, you've had a number of strong finishes and really low rounds this season. We're about the halfway mark here for the LIV Golf season. What's your mindset where we are at this point, and what do you need to do for the rest of the season here?**

THOMAS PIETERS: Well, I really want to win, but anytime you finish in the top 10, it's always a good week, and I need to try to find a way to beat this guy. Yeah, that's about it. If I drink a lot of Celsius, maybe I might get there.

**Q. TD, you're having a standout first season with LIV, five top 10 finishes and also contributing to the team's success. This is event No. 8 on the season for LIV, also the eighth different country where we've played. From your experience thus far, what impact can team golf have, not only on sport but on fans around the world?**

THOMAS DETRY: I actually had a question for Pieters: How do you translate drink Celsius in Korean? But I guess she did it.

Yeah, I guess it's just been really good fun. That's what DJ just said. I didn't expect to have that much fun when I joined the team. I've been working hard this winter, as well. I thought there was a couple parts of my game that weren't on top, as good as I wanted them to be. Now I feel like my game overall is good enough to compete anywhere in the world.

I've really enjoyed it, and it's fun to see the brand growing, as well. Last week I was in Belgium and I saw lots of kids wearing 4Aces hats. I think those were from Thomas Pieters from last year, and some kids may have gone to a few LIV events in Valderrama or the UK. It's nice to see everything growing, the French side growing, as well, and hopefully we can keep this thing growing and make it a big

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thing in the next couple years.

**Q. AK, you talked about trying to find more consistency, but you're grinding so hard out there already. What can you do to find that? How does a golfer find more consistency other than working harder? Is there other tangible things to do?**

ANTHONY KIM: Yeah. I mean, I am working hard. But the reason this game is fun and frustrating at the same time is because you can always get better somewhere. Even when I'm practicing, sometimes I'll hit 10 balls and really only be focused on four or five. The next day the goal is going to be focus on six.

There's so many different parts of this game that you have to get better at, and I know that there's a long way for me to go. But I think I can get there.

**Q. I also wanted to ask you about the majors. Are they in your radar at all? Are they in your thought process, or is that still kind of a little too far away right now?**

ANTHONY KIM: Yeah, I obviously want to play in the majors. I want to play in the biggest events. That's why I'm working. But I heard LIV is adding five more majors, so there will be nine majors to go after. (Smiling).

**Q. Anthony, just wondering if you've ever played a tournament in Korea before. If so, it must have been wild. What is it like to be playing on Korean soil? Also, do you ever get the sense that you're sort of -- your comeback story, your career arc has been an inspiration for people even outside of golf?**

ANTHONY KIM: Yeah, I played in Korea a few different times. I played last year at LIV Korea. I don't know if you could call that golf, but I tried to play golf.

Then in my early 20s I played in the Korean Open and I think another event. Yeah, obviously I'm Korean American, very proud of both sides, and very excited to be here to play in front of the Korean fans.

I do, however, feel like when I play good, I'm more Korean and more American, and then when I play bad nobody wants me. Hopefully I play good everywhere I go.

Yeah, I'm excited to be here. As to your second question, yeah, I do feel like a lot more people have started following my story because my struggles aren't for golf or for sport; it's what a lot of families go through. It's what a lot of individuals go through.

I think me working hard gives people some motivation to know they can do it, too. It's not like I'm special; I just have a great support system, a great family, great inspiration from my daughter and my wife and my mother. Just trying to do the best I can every day, and not every day is a success, but I know if I just keep working hard that something good is going to come out of it.

**Q. DJ, this season you actually had decided to bring in Anthony as one of your team members, and your team has done very well during the season because of that decision. Seems like the teamwork is really successful. Could you tell us about how you feel about that decision, about the overall new member coming in and about the season. Also, could you tell us what you feel about Anthony's win and what you experienced during that?**

DUSTIN JOHNSON: Obviously it was a really good decision to bring AK on the team. He's played very well this year. Yeah, the win in Adelaide was unbelievable. Obviously very happy for him. He played unreal. What a great story. That's it.

**Q. Anthony, considering your recent victory, I think we are welcoming you and showering you with a lot of love and support. What parts of Korea do you want to show your daughter? What kind of impressions do you want to plant?**

ANTHONY KIM: Yeah, obviously my daughter is Korean American, and I'm very proud of her and the heritage that she comes from. A lot of the work ethic I've gotten and the belief in myself I've gotten is from my mother, and she came over to America as a Korean immigrant not even knowing the language and struggling at first.

I think it's undeniable that Korean people in general work very hard, and hopefully that's something that she can learn from. I'm very proud that I picked that up in my mom or else I wouldn't be sitting here today. Hopefully that's something my daughter will keep with her.

**Q. DJ, you've actually been from the very beginning with LIV Golf, and as a player that has started with their journey, you were probably surprised about PIF's support being halted or retracted. I was wondering whether there's any opinions that are currently exchanged amongst players, and what is your own personal view?**

DUSTIN JOHNSON: Long LIV Golf.

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