

# CME Group Tour Championship

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Tiburón Golf Club

## Jin Young Ko

### Quick Quotes

**Q. Here with Jin Young Ko after a solid 5-under 67 today. Hit 13 of 14 fairways, 18 of 18 greens. You're striking the ball really well. Just take us through some of your highlights.**

JIN YOUNG KO: Well, I would say my swinging or putting not perfect, but I hit a lot of fairways and greens as well and I made a lot of putt today.

And I was happy to play with Lydia. That's why I play good I think.

**Q. You two had a really big hug at the end. Are you two really good friends?**

JIN YOUNG KO: Yes.

**Q. So more fun to play with Lydia than maybe somebody else?**

JIN YOUNG KO: Well, I like to play with Brooke Henderson or Lydia or the other Korean players as well. Just I love to play in this tour with who else, doesn't matter really.

Yeah, I'm happy.

**Q. How did you find the golf course today with the wind? It was pretty windy out there.**

JIN YOUNG KO: It was really, really windy out there, way different as last year for the direction from the wind.

But was cool. It was fine.

**Q. How is your wrist doing?**

JIN YOUNG KO: Well, yeah, this tournament is last tournament of the year so everybody has injure a little bit, little things.

But same as the other person. I hope getting better.



**Q. When did that pain start?**

JIN YOUNG KO: Well, I would say was in May.

**Q. Yeah.**

JIN YOUNG KO: Yeah.

**Q. Right after ANA?**

JIN YOUNG KO: Yes.

**Q. What about Lydia, what makes her such a great person to play golf with?**

JIN YOUNG KO: Lydia, she's always smiling on the course and she has great attitude for golf, for the other person, and she has -- I love her and I love about her personality, and she has great short game, everything.

So I want to copy it.

**Q. And then going back to the wrist, if this wasn't the last tournament of the year with \$1.5 million, Player of the Year, all that stuff, do you think you would've withdrew if it wasn't the last tournament of the year?**

JIN YOUNG KO: Well, my caddie said yesterday No. 11, he said, This is no point if you have really bad injury. You can withdraw or whatever.

But I said, Yeah, I'm sick right now, but I don't want to withdraw from the tournament. I wanted to play until 18 holes yesterday. I had icing it last night and it was getting better.

Yeah, no, I think if this only -- is not prize money is \$1.5 million or last tournament, I would not going to withdrew, yeah.

**Q. What's it say about your confidence level that you can go onto the golf course without hitting a full shot in practice and going out and shooting the scores that you shot the first two days?**

JIN YOUNG KO: Well, I don't know. I don't have 100% confidence for my swing or whatever; everything just keep



doing -- hit the ball straight and just choose right club and choose right direction from the wind and read a break right and, yeah, just enjoy.

It's fun.

**Q. After a round like today, maybe the best practice is no practice?**

JIN YOUNG KO: No.

**Q. Is there a particular shot that the wrist bothers you a little bit more that you're trying to hit, or not?**

JIN YOUNG KO: Well, I would say it's starting to backswing I felt little pain, and backswing to downswing I can feel it little pain here.

But I had a lot of tape on my wrist, so better. Fine.

**Q. Does driver hurt more than, say, 9-iron?**

JIN YOUNG KO: Yes.

**Q. Last one from me. I feel like when you're in position to do some great things, like win the Player of the Year award, \$1.5 million, you really show up. What changes in your mindset when there is so much on the line for you?**

JIN YOUNG KO: I would say it's going to be little pressure on me on the course, but I don't want to get a lot of pressure, and even stress.

I will just keep doing same as last two days. And I did well this year, so, yeah. I don't want to get more harder than easy shots.

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