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## Tom Kim

### Quick Quotes



**Q. In a good spot into the weekend. How do you feel about your game through two days and what you've been able to do well?**

TOM KIM: Yeah, it's been solid. I've just been executing my game plan really well. Been rolling the putter really good, and off the tee it's been pretty steady. Just a lot of good consistent golf, and hope to keep it going the next two days.

**Q. (On the crowds yelling at the golfers.)**

TOM KIM: Yeah, I think sometimes it can get confusing as players because you're normally -- I feel like you trust a player to read a putt more than anything else, but they have been literally standing there all day seeing putts do this and that and certain clubs being short or long. But I think at the end of the day you have to trust yourself.

I try the best I can to just really tune into what I'm doing instead of trying to hear the outside noise.

**Q. When you're on the 16th tee, do you adjust a couple yards for adrenaline at all?**

TOM KIM: I think a little bit. I do think it's going to go two to three, four yards. I think you're going to scrunch it a little bit more, you're going to hit it in the middle of the face more. It's electric out there, and you can't really hear anything but noise out there. Definitely that hole, definitely takes adjustment.

**Q. Is this one of the tournaments you look forward to each year when you head out here?**

TOM KIM: I do, yeah. The crowds I think is the biggest thing. It's so much fun here for me as a player. I like when the crowds bring energy, and this is the week if you can play well and get near the leaders and you get things going, the crowd definitely goes behind you. I think it helps you actually win golf tournaments. I think it definitely gets your momentum going. When you make one putt outside 30 feet, the crowd gets louder than you expect it to be, and

it just kind of helps you get things going.

**Q. Is the crowd louder this year compared to previous years you've been here? How would you say it stacks up?**

TOM KIM: I haven't been able to realize if it's louder or quieter, but the crowds here have always been so nice.

**Q. The stats say you've increased club head speed this year. Do you feel like you have?**

TOM KIM: Yeah, it's weird, I don't feel like you have, but obviously the numbers say I do, and my ball speed has been really up. It's been really good to see. Sometimes I feel like the TrackMan is not working well because I'm not expecting those numbers, but certain things -- I haven't done any speed training or anything. I've gotten stronger in the gym, and I feel like those things, it's just increasing little by little.

**Q. Are there any muscle areas you've focused on getting stronger?**

TOM KIM: Yeah, just the whole body. Obviously the lower body, just trying to use the ground better and having a really good core. But other than that, I've just been really consistent from head to toe with what I've been doing in the gym.

**Q. You didn't have to make any recoveries today. Yesterday (indiscernible) did that help for today?**

TOM KIM: Definitely. I've had a few good par putts the last two days, definitely with some footage, and those things just kind of keep momentum going. It helps you not put stress on your golf game a lot. When those little things kind of happen for four days, that's when you have a really good week. It's been good so far.

The next two days I'm not going to try to do anything, just put myself in better spots to maximize my opportunities.

**Q. Can you comment on the four straight birdies?**



TOM KIM: Yeah. Big birdie on 13, hit two really good shots and got in the bunker and hit a really good bunker shot again. Didn't really work out but made a good putt.

Then the next hole hit a really good tee shot and really good approach shot to set up, made the putt again.

The second shot on 15 and obviously a nice tee shot on 16 to set myself up for birdie. Just rode the momentum really well. That's the biggest thing. Didn't do anything different with the game plan, just executed when I needed to.

**Q. It's well known you and Scottie are good friends off the golf course. How does playing with him the last two days make you want to play better, and how do you address your on-course mannerisms? Are you a talker? Do you keep do yourself?**

TOM KIM: Yeah, definitely if someone comes up to me, especially someone as close as Scottie, if he comes up to me, definitely like to enjoy some talk, especially walking down the fairways.

I'm pretty focused in what I'm trying to do out there, so I think I'm not so much of a talker, but obviously if I have good company like I did the first two days, it definitely makes things enjoyable. I haven't played with Scottie for a while now. It's been, I think, since the Olympics maybe. I haven't really played with him in a competitive round.

It was fun the first two days. Obviously he's always going to play well, so it kind of helps you to see him hit good shots. It kind of gets your momentum going.

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