

Arnold Palmer Invitational

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Bay Hill, Florida, USA

Bay Hill Club and Lodge

Michael Kim

Quick Quotes



Q. How would you assess the day?

MICHAEL KIM: Really good. Tee to green was great. Wish I could have made a couple more putts, but also made some really nice par saves on the back nine as well, and a couple eagles on the back nine, which were really cool.

Q. One of those eagles was fairway bunker to greenside bunker to in. You had many of those in your life?

MICHAEL KIM: Not that far. I think that was probably at least close to 40 yards. I was actually talking to a volunteer waiting for Bob to hit his third and he said, Nothing you can't make. And in my mind I was thinking, Well, 10 feet would be fantastic. And it went in. And I gave him the ball.

Q. Seeing a lot of leaders kind of falling down the leaderboard or hitting some uncharacteristic shots. Has the wind been consistent during the day, are the greens tougher than previous days?

MICHAEL KIM: These greens are pretty crazy. They are crusty. I'm -- I don't know, I feel like 10 green might be dead, just the fertilizer's the only thing that's keeping it alive, but barely. Bob and I hit, feel like we hit decent putts and they went eight feet by pretty quickly. So it's just the greens, it's really hard to get aggressive with them, just because you know you're going to have six, seven feet coming back. So you have to play pretty conservative putts, and it's just hard to make sometimes.

Q. You're a pretty thoughtful guy about your swing and what's going on with the game. When you're on a run like this, are you thinking much over the ball, or about what's happening, because obviously you're on a pretty good stretch here?

MICHAEL KIM: Yeah, I mean, you know, the funny thing is, it's like I haven't, I don't feel -- I've played a lot of really good golf recently, but I don't feel incredibly much more

confident than I did at like Waste Management. But I would say the doubts don't creep in as much, or I'm able to kind of let 'em go by easier. This golf course is tough, so there's demanding shots that you need to pull off. I've played my way in tomorrow and I'll probably be a few shots back, but hopefully I can make it a good Sunday tomorrow.

Q. Do you appreciate runs like you're on right now and the good golf you're playing from where you were in probably four, five years ago?

MICHAEL KIM: Yeah, a hundred percent. I'm certainly more grateful than probably some of the other guys. There were times where I couldn't make a cut to save my life. So, yeah, just very grateful and hopefully I can keep it going.

Q. What are some of the biggest things that you and Sean Foley have worked on with your swing to get you into the groove you're in right now?

MICHAEL KIM: That's a lot. I mean, it's like four years of work. But just anything to give myself time to release it as hard as I want. Stuff we have done, letting my -- trying to get a really big turn to my right side, and messing around with the ball position a little bit here and there has helped a lot.

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