

U.S Junior Amateur Championship

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Daniel Island Club (Ralston Creek Course)

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Quick Quotes

Q. Talk about the way you played today. It looked like you were spot on.

BRYAN KIM: Right, so we got off to a little bit of a slow start. But Will started making some birdies, and I knew I had to keep up, so hitting the ball really solid. I only missed one or two greens this afternoon, and I'm seeing the lines really well on the greens.

With the rain on and off, the speed of the greens were a little hard to judge, but I felt good. I knew if I was confident in my line, I was very confident it would go in.

Q. It looked like at times all you had to do was step up to the ball and hit it.

BRYAN KIM: Exactly. I feel really good about my ball-striking right now. I talked to Justin about what I'm thinking, and then he says, go for it, and then I just pull it off.

Q. What's it mean to you right now to play for a national title?

BRYAN KIM: It means a lot. I didn't even imagine this last year after missing the cut, and the year before, but I knew my game this year was in a good spot. I didn't have the tournament results that I wanted earlier this summer, but I knew I was coming around, just working a lot on my game, and I felt like I was kind of due to play some good golf, so hopefully I can keep it up and maybe bring home the title.

Q. You got to 8 and 9 and you went birdie-birdie. It was about an eight-footer I think on 8, and then to me it looked like it was a left-to-right 15-footer on 9. Talk about those two.

BRYAN KIM: Yeah, so they made it drivable for us on 8, which was nice, so I told Justin, I don't see why we wouldn't go for it. So I just aimed right edge of the green, hit a good drive, and chipped it to about six or seven feet. Will hit a really good first putt. I knew I had to make it



because I missed a short one earlier about the same length. But I was confident in my line, so I rolled that in.

Q. You made another one at 14 --

BRYAN KIM: Is that the -- 14 I two-putted from about 45 feet, hit the hole, and then Will had a good birdie.

Q. You guys were teammates on the East team; what was that like playing against a teammate and a friend?

BRYAN KIM: It means a lot. Will and I have gotten pretty close over the past few years, so it felt almost like a casual round, just like playing with buddies. We were really relaxed, and I think we had a good time.

Yeah, it's always awesome playing in such a big, big event but with good friends.

Q. Was there a little bit of chatter going back and forth?

BRYAN KIM: Yeah, we were talking it out the whole round, just like as casual as can be.

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