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Pebble Beach Golf Links

Hyo Joo Kim

Flash Interview



Q. Hyo Joo Kim, 71, 5-under; 139 for the championship. It was a tough finish the last two holes. Did you know you were tied for the lead?

HYO JOO KIM: Yes, because I was able to see the scoring board very well. I was aware. Yes, I was aware of that.

Q. How do you think that you played today coming off yesterday's very nice round?

HYO JOO KIM: Well, I started well, like yesterday. I was feeling well and satisfied. But not as well as yesterday, but I did not make major mistakes. Then the last two holes, Yes, I did make mistakes so I was not feeling as good.

Starting tomorrow I will have an excellent mindset as a new day.

Q. Do you feel good about your position going into the third round?

HYO JOO KIM: Day two, round two is over for me. Of course I have some regrets, but what can I do? It's over, right? I'm still on the leaderboard, so I'll just continue to work very hard and I have a chance to be a champion.

Q. You've played in this championship eight times now and runner-up once. Will that experience help you in the next two days?

HYO JOO KIM: I hope my experience would help, yes. New day begins day three and four, so I want to have a fresh mindset and I want to do my best until the last day, until the last round.

Q. Were there one or two holes today that kept the round in good shape and led you to your 71?

HYO JOO KIM: Well, I started back nine this morning and so I had bogey in the morning so I was not feeling very well, but I was able to recover and then I got the birdie relatively quickly so I was able to get back.

Q. And then what have you learned about Pebble Beach the first two days that you didn't know before you came here?

HYO JOO KIM: Well, before I came I didn't know much about it but I always want to come and play here.

But once I start playing here I notice that green is way too small. (Smiling.)

Q. Does to compare to any course you played around the world prior to this week?

HYO JOO KIM: I think this is the first time this U.S. Open is being played here; is that correct?

Q. Correct.

HYO JOO KIM: Yeah, I think that's something different. (Smiling.)

As I stated yesterday I have something to brag about. I have played here.

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