

PRE-TOURNAMENT INTERVIEW
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JEREMIAH KIM

MODERATOR: I would like to welcome Jeremiah Kim to the media center. First appearance in the CIMB Classic, recently won CIMB National Championship, your first professional victory. Just tell us about what that victory was like and how it felt to win in that playoff and get a start here in your first PGA TOUR event.

JEREMIAH KIM: Well, it feels amazing to have my first win finally after seven years, so it's really nice to get a spot at the CIMB Classic. I'm really going to enjoy the week.

MODERATOR: Before you had been at the event and watched before. What do you think it will be like to be inside the ropes for the first time?

JEREMIAH KIM: Well, I think it will be different because when I was here the last few years, I was fortunate my best friend playing, so now we the one holding the golf club and be the one playing. So I'm just going to enjoy every shot, being in the moment, playing a PGA TOUR event. I'm just going to enjoy every moment.

MODERATOR: Who was your best friend that you got to watch?

JEREMIAH KIM: Gavin Green.

MODERATOR: Like to open it up for questions.

Q. Jeremiah, any advice from Gavin?

JEREMIAH KIM: Yeah, he gave me a lot of advice throughout my career as well as the win I had two weeks ago. We were texting every day, so he gave me a few good advises to like -- well, when I was leading, he told me to play like it's the first day again, like start fresh, so just try to shoot the best I can when I'm playing every round, every shot. So I'm going to probably do that this week here as well.

Q. Did you have a round here and how do you think the course is set up for your game?

JEREMIAH KIM: Yeah, I played this morning. It's -- after the renovation, it's pretty similar, just a couple of changes here and there, which I played a lot of golf here before the renovation. So I think the key is to hit a lot of fairways.

Q. Is there anyone you'd like to play with here this week?

JEREMIAH KIM: Well, it will be nice to play with Justin Thomas, obviously.

Q. Somebody you admire (inaudible)?

JEREMIAH KIM: Well, he was one of the ones that for a long time (inaudible) so it will be nice to see his game and how he's like when he's playing.

Q. What is it that has got you to be where you are now?

JEREMIAH KIM: Tony, my coach, is here this week with me. He's helped me a lot throughout the years, my good times, my bad times and all. I always give him a call after my round, which is nice for him being there and then being here with me this week. He kind of pushed me through a lot of bad things and good things throughout my career, so I would like to thank Tony for that.

Q. What is Tony's name?

JEREMIAH KIM: Tony Maloney is sitting behind.

Q. Your favorite players right now (inaudible) maybe a little bit of (inaudible.) Who taught you the game of golf?

JEREMIAH KIM: Well, favorite player would be Tiger Woods. My dad taught me when I was younger. I started at school so he was watching TV and he was just watching and he thought I was really excited watching TV. We were watching golf and we were watching Tiger playing. So he asked me if I wanted to try the game and I was like yeah, why not. That's how it started.

Q. Coming this week there's probably going to be a big crowd following you. Is this something that you can practice and train for, be prepared?

JEREMIAH KIM: Yeah, I guess, but since young I've always liked the crowd, I always liked people watching me play, so I think I'm going to embrace that.

MODERATOR: How many times have you played this course? Is there some course knowledge you have there?

JEREMIAH KIM: I played this course a lot of times with Gavin before renovation because when we both had week offs, we play most of the time. So this is the first time I'm playing after the renovation, so it's just a little bit different here and there, but it's still same, too.

Q. What has been your best score on this course?

JEREMIAH KIM: I don't really know because -- I guess maybe 5 under on this course maybe because when I play with Gavin we don't really keep score, we just practice. Yeah, I

hope I can do that this week.

MODERATOR: Any more questions? Do you remember, were you here when Tiger was here? Did you watch him play? Did you follow him around?

JEREMIAH KIM: Yes, I was watching him play at that time.

MODERATOR: What was that like, and did you watch the TOUR Championship a couple weeks ago when he won?

JEREMIAH KIM: Yes, I did watch that, too. Well, I had a few events -- I was playing an event while he was playing, obviously in Malaysia at that time, so I couldn't really watch because I need to sleep, get some rest, but I watched the highlights. His game is really good now.

MODERATOR: Perfect. Well, thank you very much for coming in. Best of luck this week.

JEREMIAH KIM: Thank you, thank you so much.