

ROUND 1 INTERVIEW
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ANDY ZHANG (-4)

Q. How good does it feel to be here?

ANDY ZHANG: It feels great. This is my first PGA TOUR event.

Q. Non-major PGA TOUR event?

ANDY ZHANG: I guess so, non-major PGA TOUR event. Honestly, I didn't even think I would be playing today like before coming to Houston, but here I am. It's great.

Q. What went behind the decision to try give Monday a try here?

ANDY ZHANG: Well, I played one in Vegas and so like since I lost my card, I didn't play very good at Q-School, either. So there's not a lot else for me to do besides just doing Mondays, and why not, right?

Q. How did you play in Vegas?

ANDY ZHANG: I played good. I missed a playoff by a shot.

Q. Okay. And then you shot a 30 on the back?

ANDY ZHANG: Yeah. So I shot even on my back nine. My first nine was the back nine for the course and it was the harder nine, but I made the turn at even. I was like, it's not great. Then I kind of just wasn't really trying to make a lot of birdies but they all just came at me, so that was good.

Q. Out here today you got it to six, you dropped a couple, but then that putt at the last. How pleased are you with your round?

ANDY ZHANG: Very. I think I'm a lot happier right now because of that putt. I shouldn't be, but I am. Yeah, so I played pretty good all day, just made two three-putts coming down the stretch was kind of tough, kind of dumb mistakes, but just work on it and go play again tomorrow.

Q. Does it make you more confident sitting at 4 under and look around and seeing guys that you played with on Korn Ferry and guys like Cole Hammer? It's not like you're looking at a better leaderboard where Brooks Koepka is four shots ahead of you right now?

ANDY ZHANG: Yeah, I guess -- see, like I tried really hard not to think I'm at a PGA TOUR event at the beginning of the day because I knew that would be just unnecessary pressure that I would put on myself if I thought like that. So I just tried to look at it just like a Korn Ferry event for me at least. Just try and play golf, just go out there, because I know I have the game to play some decent golf. Just, you know, like not have too much expectation was my goal today, that's for sure.

Q. What have you learned in the last year being on the Korn Ferry for a year?

ANDY ZHANG: A lot. Like on and off the course, I think more off the course and mentally and learning myself as a player. In that aspect, I think I learned a lot. My game was pretty good the whole year. The score didn't reflect it, but my game was good. The biggest reason for that I think was because I was trying to -- I was trying to make too many birdies, I was trying to get good results, I was trying to play well, where if I just had the mentality of, okay, just play whatever like I did the last two Mondays, I would have had much better results. The game has been the same. Made some slight adjustments in the last month and a half in my swing, but with or without that my game's fine. I think that's the biggest takeaway I had after the season looking back at it.