

ROUND 2 INTERVIEW
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SI WOO KIM (-7)

Q: You finished with 7 under today. Are you satisfied with your score?

Kim: My game seemed to be going well during the front nine. I think I got a bit ambitious on the back nine. For the past two days, I don't think my game played out so good on the back nine

Q: There seems to be a lot of Korean players on the top of the leaderboard. What do you think is driving these performances?

Kim: This is the first and only PGA Tour tournament in Korea. For many Korean players, when they play at this tournament for the first time, they might feel a bit awkward. The tournament is taking place in their country on their home ground. There are many fans cheering them so they might feel overwhelmed at times. Even for me personally, I think each year it has been easier to adjust. I think there will be many more chances for Korean players to win in the future.

Q: Have you talked about this with the players who are only playing on the Korean Tour KPGA?

Kim: I don't get to see them often so when we meet, we just exchange pleasantries.

Q: This is your third year on the Tour. Does THE CJ CUP feel like any other tournament on the PGA Tour?

Kim: It's more important to me because it's a PGA Tour tournament. THE CJ CUP, however, is more significant than any other PGA Tour tournament because it's a sponsor tournament being held here in Korea. I'm not from Jeju Island, but it feels like I'm playing on home ground.

Q: Sungjae Im told us that fairway conditions were great but too firm, making contact with the ball difficult. Do you feel it's different from the courses in the States?

Kim: I felt it was rather tight than firm. The grass is bent grass. If you hit the ball fat, even just slightly, the ball doesn't roll as much. That was a challenge. A lot of the guys, were worried about

fatted the ball when they missed the fair way. Other than this, I don't think the players faced any problems. The lies were good and everyone was able to hit the ball well. In the first year the grass was dense and so I think it was a bit hard to manage. There was a lot of sand and a lot of fatted balls. Last year was better than the first and this year I think the conditions are perfect.

Q: I think your shots went further today than yesterday.

Kim: It rained early in the morning yesterday so it's softer today. It's better for hitting the ball. The areas surrounding the greens are softer, so if you hit a ball fat, even slightly, the ball doesn't roll as much

Q: I heard you're helping the younger players who are trying to play in the States. What are you helping them with?

Kim: First of all, the younger players are doing well. At a young age, I joined the PGA. Sungjae Im joined the Tour after me but he played better than me in the first year. If more Korean players make it to the Web.com Tour and gradually make their way up, I think they can follow in the footsteps of KJ Choi.

Q: Jaekyung Lee said he was grateful because you met him only a few times but you encouraged him and gave him advice. Did you see him today cheering you on?

Kim: Yeah, I saw him. We talk quite often. I saw him a bit last year. I think he is a good player. I saw him play and he is a good golfer. He can really drive the ball. I think there is potential for him on the PGA Tour. He asked great questions so I did my best to help him.