

ROUND 3 INTERVIEW
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DANNY LEE (-15)

PGA TOUR: Can you tell us about your round today?

LEE: It was a difficult round. Definitely more windy than yesterday or the day before. So the scores were not quite as low. But I think I played well.

PGA TOUR: You were grouped with Justin Thomas and An Byeong Hun. What was that like?

LEE: I had fun today. I have played with An before, but not with Justin. We had fun.

PRESS: Can you elaborate on the eagle on 18? How long was that putt? How strong was the wind?

LEE: As for the wind, I think I took an extra one-and-a-half club. Having to play into the wind, I didn't feel like I could drive the ball to the left of the fairway. In my practice rounds—I think I played that hole about five times—I missed the fairway all five times, so instead I used a 3-wood off the tee to generate a lower shot. From the fairway I had about 270 yards to the pin with wind coming from the front. Too be honest I thought I missed the green but luckily the ball stopped after passing a slight upward slope on the left of the green. As for that putt, frankly I wasn't aiming for the hole. I was just trying to get the ball to roll down the slope as slowly as possible but it kept going. I would say it was about 19 steps from the hole.

PRESS: As a Korean-New Zealander, what would it mean to you to win this event?

LEE: I've never played exceptionally well in Korea, so I also felt I could play better in front of my Korean fans. On top of that my parents and my wife are Korean and my granddad lives here so that would be great. I am glad I had a strong showing this week and hopefully I can say the same tomorrow.

PRESS: Your back was a problem for some time but somehow it seems you are hitting further?

LEE : I think it was in 2017, maybe 2016 I withdrew from the third playoff event in Boston after playing just three holes. I hit a smooth one when I suddenly felt a sharp pain in my back and I had to lie down. The next day my leg felt numb and I remembered thinking that this was the end of my career. Afterwards, I took a month off and got my back treated and returned to the course. I found a good trainer and really started working out because I don't want to have another injury like that. It's been almost a year. I really don't like hitting the gym, but I have kept at it because I want to be a stronger player.

PRESS: I am sure your wife and family will be here with you tomorrow, if you win, will you share a hug or a kiss with your wife? Have you planned anything you want to say to your wife after you win?

LEE: I was not going to talk about this until the end of the event. My wife was pregnant with our second child, who was due near Christmas. The baby was born premature last Sunday. I'm sorry. I can't...

PRESS: You have ended today as co-leader, but tomorrow you are up against some tough competition. It seems like you will need to be on the offense instead of defense tomorrow. What is your game plan going into the final round?

LEE: Golf never goes the way you planned. So I don't think I can say what my game plan will be tomorrow. I'll decide on my game plan based on how I am tomorrow.