

SUNG KANG (-6)

Q. So how would you assess your round today?

SUNG KANG: Solid. I struggled a little bit off the tee and then I've been really struggling with my putting probably last four, five weeks and then last week we kind of, we changed a lot, changed total -- I mean, really changed totally and feeling comfortable now and making some putts and it helps a lot. So looking forward to have some good days next couple of rounds.

Q. A lot more Korean men have been winning out here and doing well over the last five or six years. What reason for that?

SUNG KANG: Koreans playing at this course?

Q. Koreans playing better on the tour.

SUNG KANG: Oh, better on the tour. I think they're probably getting more comfortable now. First time I came here I wasn't as comfortable because I'm playing with the guys that I've actually been watching on TV, so probably a little nervous. And then the level of tour, guys are pretty good. I think it's like how quickly they get comfortable and all about the confidence, too. If they get comfortable, they find the confidence and they believe in themselves that we're actually good enough to compete with these guys. I think that's the big key.

Q. So things like language and knowing where to go and all those things, how much does that --

SUNG KANG: Yeah, that's a harder thing, too, because most of the guys don't speak any English. I mean, not fluent. Plus the food, people. I mean if you stay in Korea, we're all buddies and we're talking and having fun. Down here some of the guys, I mean, not speaking English very well so not getting along together, so not probably having fun, playing golf only. Always got to find somewhere to eat and that's kind of hard part. Then country's a lot bigger than where we live in; we just drive anywhere, but here we've got to fly, so that's a difference I think.

Q. How comfortable do you feel or all of you feel in L.A.?

SUNG KANG: I mean, for sure it feels better, because the weather's nice, there's a bunch of Koreans. The Koreans, the company sponsoring the tournament that helps. We can go anywhere to eat here, we can find Korean restaurants anywhere. A bunch of Korean fans

yelling for us, that definitely helps for sure.

Q. Just one question. Your caddie Damon Green, when did it start and also what does he add to your game?

SUNG KANG: We started last fall and then actually he helped me a lot on my game. He's been seeing a lot of great players through probably the last decade, two couple decades or whatever. He told me some of the wedges or shorter irons, the good players, they hit it a lot lower and they control it a lot better. I was hitting it way too high. So I tried to fix that a little bit in the last winter and it's working pretty good. I hit a lot closer from that range. It definitely helped out more. We've haven't really been to contention actually having him on my bag, so we'll see how it goes the next two days.

Q. Do you do stuff in meters or yards?

SUNG KANG: Oh, yards.