

ROUND 1 INTERVIEW
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BYEONG HUN AN (-6)

Q. Just opening comments about 6 under for the day?

BYEONG HUN AN: Yeah, 6 under's, like I said, I drove it -- I didn't drive it as good. It could have been a little bit better. I putted decent, hit it pretty good I guess. And there's some mistakes here and there, but I scrambled very well and made some long par puts and birdie puts. Everything kept nicely together, I guess. Nothing was falling away from the vehicle, so overall 6 under, very happy with it in the first day of a new season. I'm looking forward to it.

Q. You mentioned you putted really well. Do you have a new putter or are you doing anything different on the greens?

BYEONG HUN AN: No, I've been putting well this year I think. Like we said, we only had one week off last week, so still feels like the middle of the season right now.

No, I've been using the same putter for about a year now and I've been putting it decent last year in the Korn Ferry Tour and today putted on the slightly better side of it. Nothing changed. I saw my putting coach this week and tweaked it here and there, but basically same thing we've been working on. There's no magic juice or anything to putt well. We've been working pretty hard with this and some days you'll putt better than other days and today was definitely on the better side of it.

Q. What's his name?

BYEONG HUN AN: John Graham. I've been working with him for a year now.

Q. Anything wrong with your wrist or do you always --

BYEONG HUN AN: It was middle of the season, starting April until August-ish, and now it's pain free but I still have to keep it on just to, I don't know, cover my tan lines (laughs.)

It helps a little bit. My tendon was getting a little bit loose, so they're like only thing you can do is not play golf for four weeks, I'm like, OK, that's not going to happen, so I just had tape on it. No, I don't feel any pain levels or anything. Just in case I'll just keep it on for the rest of the season and hopefully this offseason I can take them off.

Q. What did you learn about your game over the past year that you'll do differently out here this go-round?

BYEONG HUN AN: I feel like I'm a little bit better technically. My long game's been steadier

and a little bit tighter, but I feel like a bit of a mindset difference. You know, never lost my card and every year was better, every year for the last five years. Then last year was a big struggle and that kind of hit me pretty hard in my head and OK, I've got to start putting more time to practice and everything.

Obviously I'm back on the Tour now and I've got to appreciate every single event of it and try to make the most out of each week. Just a little bit of mindset, I think, than three, four years ago me was a little bit different, I feel a little bit different now than three, four years ago, so I'm looking forward to a new season.

Q. Still three rounds to go, but you're in a real good position. What do you think you need to do to get your first win out here?

BYEONG HUN AN: Just keep believing in myself, I think. I don't need to do any different. I feel I have the game. My team, we always say if you just play like the way you do and some putts drop, get a lucky bounce, you'll win it. Like I say, it's only the first week of the new season, but I'm going to do the same thing I've been doing the last couple months and hopefully everything clicks at once and get the win. Like I said, it's the first week this season, I'm not in a rush or anything, but it would be nice to start off with a win, definitely.