

**ROUND 1 QUOTES**  
**January 24, 2024**



**KEVIN YU (-8)**

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**Q. Kevin, nice playing. How's it feel to put in another good round after coming off a great week last week?**

**KEVIN YU:** Very good. Fell short last week, bogeyed the last hole on Sunday. But yeah, I've been playing very good and like just keep building momentum. Like today I was just trying to play my best today, just trying to hit a lot of fairways, trying to make as many putts as I can. Greens a little bumpy, but I'm just trying to hit like the best stroke I can out there, which I did today. So I feel really good, so really looking forward to tomorrow.

**Q. Just bogey free and kind of dominated the par 5s today. Can you give us an overview of your round from your perspective?**

**KEVIN YU:** Yeah. Like before this tournament I was just talking to my caddie like we have to hit a lot of fairways. I've been hitting very good, so like I don't have to try to like hit a lot -- like my maximum distance out there, I just have to hit a lot of fairways. That was just the plan today, and if I hit a fairway, like ball-striking's been pretty decent for me, too. If I hit a lot of fairways, I can have a lot of chance to get on green and try to make some putts. Yeah, I've been just working for me out there today, yeah.

**Q. Was there a particular shot that kind of stood out to you today, a highlight for your round?**

**KEVIN YU:** Lot of good shots. I think the shot on hole 8 was very good. The putt was not very good, but I've been working on trying to move the ball a little left to right. I used to just hit it kind of right-to-left shot and then now I can hit like -- I can move it around now. I feel more comfortable just doing all that. It's been working for me, yeah.

**Q. You earned your card by the Korn Ferry Tour. How do that -- like what was your experience like out there? How did that prepare you to be out here on the PGA TOUR?**

**KEVIN YU:** Yeah, I feel like playing amateur golf and then comparing to like professional golf is a lot different. You have to take your own responsibility and like to handle your own travel and everything. Like have to be mentally prepared like when you play on PGA TOUR. I think Korn Ferry Tour give me a chance to prepare for PGA TOUR. Then I think just playing with all those guys out there, you still have to shoot like 25 under or 30 under, almost 30 under to win every week. It's still very competitive out there so you have to play very well. That's just a quick, great way for you to, you know, get ready for PGA TOUR.

**Q. You've played a few events out here now. Is there anything that surprised you**



**coming from the Korn Ferry Tour to here?**

**KEVIN YU:** Not really. Definitely I feel like all the courses we play out here is definitely a little tougher than Korn Ferry Tour. I feel like you have to drive the ball really well. You don't have to hit it really far. Definitely if you hit it really far that's an advantage, but if you just hit it like decently straight you can have a lot of chance to hit on greens and try to make some putts. You have to be very stable all year with like all parts of the game, yeah.

**Q. What do you anticipate tomorrow, going to the South Course, and did you get a chance to see it this week with the poor weather?**

**KEVIN YU:** Yeah, I only played nine holes yesterday, but I've been here a few times already. Yeah, my plan was just trying to hit, like just trying to hit a lot of greens and trying to hit a lot of fairways and hopefully make some putts. That's the plan for tomorrow, yeah.

