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**Pre-round Interviews**

**AN INTERVIEW WITH ANTHONY KIM**

**CHRIS REIMER:** Thanks, Anthony, for joining us here at the media center. Maybe start with a few opening comments. Obviously it's been a busy stretch here the last couple of weeks. How are you mentally, physically, pretty exhausted at this point?

**ANTHONY KIM:** Well, I took a week off after that long month I had which was very fun and I learned quite a bit there, so I'm just trying to take it all in, relax, and get ready for this golf tournament.

Q. Talk about where you were maybe last year at this tournament compared to where you are now? How it's been in the last year? Where you are as a golfer and what the ride has been like lately?

**ANTHONY KIM:** Physically and emotionally I'm in a way better place than I was last year. I was already burned out from the season coming into this tournament and shot 63 the first round.

I kind of had a glimmer of hope that I could win the golf tournament. Really I didn't expect too much on myself at this point and right now I'm getting ready for the second half of the season and hoping that things can go my way.

**CHRIS REIMER:** Are you able to keep from being burned out now knowing what to expect and what you couldn't do last year?

**ANTHONY KIM:** WELL, I took a week off last week which was huge. I didn't touch a club for five days. I'm going to take two weeks off after this event and two more weeks off at The Open.

I'm just looking forward to taking some time off and working on my game.

**CHRIS REIMER:** Questions?

Q. How are you feeling about your game? How are you feeling right now as you head into the Colonial?

**ANTHONY KIM:** You know, I haven't played very much golf. I'm not sure how I'm playing. I'm sure my putting and chipping has been really good the last month. I know if I can get up and down in some tough situations my score is going to end up pretty good.

Q. Anthony, what do you do during your off weeks? I know you don't play golf.

**ANTHONY KIM:** I like to lay out by the pool and play. Just hang out with my friends and watch a lot of TV. I try to do things where I'm not wasting too much energy and when I do come out for the event, I will have plenty of energy to play an event.

Q. You don't physically exert yourself?

**ANTHONY KIM:** No, I try to use as little energy as possible in my off weeks so I am ready to play.

CHRIS REIMER: Do you have any favorite shows, or guilty pleasures, are you an MTV guy?

**ANTHONY KIM:** I just started watching a show Californication and love it. I will be watching that a little more.

Q. Is that set in LA, Orange County?

**ANTHONY KIM:** It is in California.

Q. It's Duchovny, right?

**ANTHONY KIM:** Right.

Q. Anthony, you about the difference in how you feel, how are your expectations change on TOUR now. Obviously your confidence level has been never been a problem, you've always been confident in yourself, how has your expectations of what you want to do change?

**ANTHONY KIM:** Nothing has really changed, I think I'm going about it a different way. I'm actually practicing which is nice. It's getting me more prepared to play an event.

I'm spending time on a practice round looking at the golf course instead of trying to look to get done and be in a restaurant after my round and eating. I'm just preparing the right way. That's what I'm looking forward to doing the rest of the years, is making sure I'm prepared every event, and whatever happens, happens. I have faith in my golf game that it will be there. If I can just prepare and work as hard as I can, I will be just fine.

Q. When you do a practice round now, how do you map things out now, do you take notes? Does your caddy take notes?

**ANTHONY KIM:** What I was doing last year, I hit a golf shot and just walked to my ball and not say a word about how we are trying to attack the golf course and strategize, what can come up in different situations.

So I think my caddy and I are doing a great job of talking about, if the wind is blowing into us, we probably need to hit a different club, instead of hitting driver everywhere, instead of hitting the same club if the wind is completely the opposite.

So we are thinking about how we are going to attack the golf course instead of just being blind-sided by an opposite wind.

Q. Does that approach have to do with the caddy that you have now?

**ANTHONY KIM:** Absolutely. By far the best caddy I ever had. He is not only a great caddy, but a friend. So having that faith in him, when he pulls me off a shot, I believe what he is saying. I think that's huge, having trust in a caddy, is very important, and I think that's why we are working so well together out there.

Q. What's the difference being a first time winner and a never time winner?

**ANTHONY KIM:** A never time winner?

Q. I haven't won yet.

**ANTHONY KIM:** My wallet got a little bit bigger. You know, it gives me a little bit more confidence. I feel like I'm pretty confident in my golf game. But to say you can win and other people say you can win, and feel like you have the potential to win, is totally different from actually getting the job done. And to do it against such a great field with such great players in the field, you know, to do it at Wachovia, a tournament that I love, and a golf course that I think is wonderful, was really special.

Q. When you look at the young players out there, and I don't know how much you analyze the other guy's games unless you are playing with them. If you look out there, you see a lot of talented guys kind of in that young characteristic.

**ANTHONY KIM:** Absolutely. I have become pretty good friends with Jason Day. I know a lot of people expect good things from him. He is a tremendous talent. I look for him to get a lot better in the day's could to come.

Obviously, in my day, to be out here, and be a young golfer and to keep your card, and do big things, you need quite a bit of talent to push through some of these veterans. All these guys can play. Everyone out here can play. Everyone has a chance to win a golf tournament when you are teeing it up on Thursday. So it says quite a bit about the younger guys out here that are winning that are posting good finishes because there is a great group of young talent out here.

**CHRIS REIMER:** Do you find yourself giving Jason advice, is that a different place to be, suddenly you are the one giving advice instead of getting advice? Is that a good place to be?

**ANTHONY KIM:** I feel a lot older now. Even I'm 22 years old. I think he is 21. This is my second year out here and getting beat up here pretty bad out here was a great learning experience for me, and I wouldn't trade it for the world. I learned more from my mistakes than I would have had I succeeded right off the bat.

Q. What was the worse you got beaten up?

**ANTHONY KIM:** I guess it was important for me to play well in Dallas at the Byron Nelson. And here as well because I have made quite a few friends out here, and playing well in front of them was something I was looking forward to. Byron I was eighth going into the weekend. I had an unfortunate Saturday and a pretty good Sunday. So to not be able to close that out wasn't the best feeling. And here, obviously last year, I shot 63 in the first round and didn't play great three days after that. Really just learning to stay in the moment. Learning that I have a job to do out here and that's to win the golf tournament.

So if I can stay focused I know that won't be an issue anymore. I learned quite a bit from those two weeks.

Q. What is it that earns the most respect from the older players out here? Is it winning a lot or playing consistently a lot, just being a good player?

**ANTHONY KIM:** You know, Serj, has won seven times I think. The younger guys haven't won that many events. I think consistent finishes. I think the veterans see if you work hard or not. Whether they are watching every day or once a week, they can kind of tell if you have been working on your game. I think that builds respect from them.

If you work hard, and they see results from you and they see the growth, I think they respect that. Obviously, the younger guys are doing a better job of that.

Q. Did those guys see or know that maybe last year you didn't work as hard at it?

**ANTHONY KIM:** I definitely think that had something to do with why I got beat up out here a little bit. I made a couple of mistakes that actually helped me this year. I learned that I'm not good enough not to practice. These guys are so good. They work hard. They put all of there their time and effort into it. Without doing that it's hard to win out here and hard to play well. So learning from the veterans who are putting in time that have a huge amount of talent was very instrumental in me getting to where I am right now.

Q. As a guy who hits the ball a long way -- (No mic.)

**ANTHONY KIM:** Last year I hit the driver every hole pretty much and that worked out for one round. I think my caddy and I are going to look to do things differently, be more conservative, be willing to take 170 yards instead of trying to get it down there to 80 yards. And try to play from the middle of the fairway instead of the middle of the trees or opposite fairway.

So I think my length will be an advantage because now instead of having hit a 3-wood off the tee I'm hitting a 2-iron which I can hit straighter than my 3-wood. Hopefully I can let those things play into my hand and make a couple of putts along the way.

Q. As a guy who hits the ball, do you feel your length is not fully -- (no mic).

**ANTHONY KIM:** You know, I don't because if player X hits a 3-wood which tends to spray more than an iron. And we both have 170 yards, I'm hitting one club less which gives me an advantage on every hole if you are hitting a shorter club. So I don't think that takes away because the course is a little bit shorter.

CHRIS REIMER: Anything else, guys?

Q. Any other new things that you have noticed about this course now in light of your new way of looking at it and practicing on it?

**ANTHONY KIM:** You know, I haven't been out to the course yet. I'm going to play a practice round right now. The greens look perfect when I was putting on them yesterday. Hopefully they will look like that on the golf course. Looking forward to a great track.

Q. Are you friends wither Derek Lee, the Chicago Cubs first baseman?

**ANTHONY KIM:** Yes, I am.

Q. Tell us the story on that.

**ANTHONY KIM:** I met him at a skin's game in '06, a week before Q-School and we got paired together. It's a funny story because he is also sponsored by Nike, and here comes a guy 6 foot, 235 pounds wearing the exact same outfit I was wearing. I told my girlfriend, I said, I hope I am not playing with him. And wouldn't you know we get paired together, and he is the celebrity, and I am the pro in the group, and we hit it off because I gave him one little tip. He was hitting the ball to the right about 80 yards, and I told him to just slow his hips down a little bit. He did and he connected and went about 315 right down the middle and that's where our friendship started.

CHRIS REIMER: Anything else? Best of luck this week.

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