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## AN INTERVIEW WITH IN-KYUNG KIM

**DANA GROSS-RHODE:** Great job today In-Kyung Kim. You took the Rolex rankings No. 1 player to two holes into the playoff, you got to feel pretty excited about that.

**IN-KYUNG KIM:** Yes. It would have been better, you know. I mean every hole, I mean I tried my best, even last par putt. I mean she is No. 1 player. I'm rookie this year and play with her final round and go to playoff.

Actually, I mean, I think I had whole experience this tournament and next one. I won't have this, more experience. I get everything today and I learn everything from there.

Hopefully, I can win next time. And I can see the future more clearly after this round. She finished strong.

Q. You must be terribly disappointed?

**IN-KYUNG KIM:** Yes, disappointing, even I was lead by 2 shot. I always keep trying to make birdie on 16 and 17. But it didn't happen. I mean I putt pretty good all day. But speed was a little off. But she had eagle on No. 8. Nobody could do it in 144 players and she did it. And I was trying to make birdie.

But, you know, I don't know somehow I just seem more brave today and hit it more firm.

So after that, No. 18, I had wrong club. I mean to the front was 112 and to the pin was 130. And I got 8-iron in my hands, and I just trying to hit it a little nice 8-iron up there. But somehow I hit so solid and just right at it, and I was just (inaudible) the club, but it went over and I had a hard chip, I think. I don't know, not entire my life, but entire this week. I mean I did pretty good with that.

The last putt was right to the last, a little more than cup, and I practice that putt all week because at the McDonald's last week I miss lots of 2 foot with bad break. I was trying to be -- this is practice green. It just lipped out. So what a putt. We go to No. 18 again. Ochoa can hit high, little fade or little draw. She can hit that spot and she can make it spin. But I can't actually. I have to bump it up. But I tried it. And I still had like first playoff was right to the left, hook putt. It's not easy putt. I was trying to just, you know, solid, (Inaudible). But it didn't happen. No. 10 tee, actually we did really bad drive, you know. Her ball was far off right side, and she had a wonderful lay-up, like clear line. We

both had a chip and she made a putt. Yes, she take the trophy. I am never going to forget that.

Q. How did you feel when you came up in regulation on 18, you still had the one stroke lead. Yes she had the eagle there on 17, were you still confident, or could you feel like she was making this charge?

**IN-KYUNG KIM:** You know what, she is more smarter. I didn't think about that. I just try to be the best, you know, like not play for par. Just bump it up. I can make birdie or par, you know, easy par. But I should think about that maybe next time I will just play safe shot down there and 2-putt. But I don't know why. Just some reason I just go right at it. That's what I learned today. Be safe when I am on the leading board leading by one shot and go to 18. Next time I am never going to do that. Maybe I can say not going to do that. Yes, I learned that. Thanks for reminding me.

Q. The putt on 18 in regulation, it looked like you marked it a couple of times, and it looked like you kind of focused in a little more than you had. You had been pretty hot putting. Do you think maybe you put a little more thought into that putt than you needed to?

**IN-KYUNG KIM:** Yes, that's right. I shouldn't do that because I lined up pretty good. I just didn't want to miss, you know. That's why I think I missed it. I didn't trust the line. So I was just keep -- I just didn't want to let it go. So I just want to -- I mean I thought I had it, and it just lipped out. Maybe if I hit it a little firmer it should go in the hole. But speed was too good and the line was off. Some time it did go in if it was a good putt. But it wasn't right time.

Q. Did you have trouble keeping your emotions in check today?

**IN-KYUNG KIM:** Pardon?

Q. Did you have trouble keeping your emotions or excitement in check?

**IN-KYUNG KIM:** Yes. I was kind of trying to not to excite all day, just enjoy it, but not too excited from how I'm playing. I thought if I play 3-under, last night, I thought I can win the tournament because it's not easy on final round. The small green, fast, firm green and fairway. So I don't -- I was nervous but No. 18, I didn't think about the par, the safe shot. That's it actually today. Just one hole. Even I made 3-putt on No. 9, I thought I'm still there and I can do this. But No. 18, last hole, can I do, just playoff.

Q. Had you ever been in the playoff before?

**IN-KYUNG KIM:** You know I played lots of Match Play, you know, so it's kind of Match Play on playoff. Also I did go to playoff with Jane Park and many more other at the U.S. amateur. I was pretty confident to go to playoff. But she is a good player, you know. It can happen.

Q. What were you thinking when you were walking back down the fairway to start the playoff?

**IN-KYUNG KIM:** I mean I hit a good tee shot, solid tee shot.

Q. After you finished 18, and you were walking back down to start the playoff round, what were you thinking?

**IN-KYUNG KIM:** Just make a par, you know. And, you know, the funny thing is I had same yardage that I had at the No. 18, and I had 9-iron, and I was pretty good, just break a lot. It's not easy. I go to No. 10 tee, oh, thank God, go to 10th tee and had the same putt, you know.

DANA GROSS-RHODE: Can you go over both of your playoffs holes, driver, 9-iron?

**IN-KYUNG KIM:** Playoff I hit driver and solid 9-iron and 2-putt. You guys see that putt.

DANA GROSS-RHODE: 15 feet.

**IN-KYUNG KIM:** Yes.

10, I mean the wind was left to the right a little bit. But I mean it wasn't much, so I hit it right at the camera tower and a little fade in the rough and I had 120 to the pin. I take the 9-iron and just get over the first bunker was 80 yards. I just get over. But it was a little longer than I thought and a little short. That wasn't right position to miss the second shot. But I was trying to just get off the green, the right side of the green, and I did it but a little long, but 2-putt. And I thought Ochoa had a little hard chip, but she did pretty good, so she got it.

Q. You came in here yesterday said, yes, wouldn't it be nice, I'm 19, second place would be okay?

**IN-KYUNG KIM:** I never said second place would be okay. What can I do? Second place is okay. I can learn from that. Next time I can be second place again. I'll take this but, you know, I'm walking down to No. 18 before I finish, I told caddy, I try to make eagle and I never thought about it. Actually if I made one more birdie, nobody can catch me. But she did eagle and I said, oh my God, nothing comes easy. He goes, something comes easy. But I was like, yeah, nothing comes fast either. And he goes, go get it.

You know, I knew what I'm doing. I did pretty good, man, come on. I don't know. Hopefully next time it will just come to me just naturally. I don't know. I lead by like five holes and Mi Hyun Kim did a great job too. I don't know somehow we didn't play good, any way, like Ochoa hadn't really had a good day.

But we hang in there tough, and she did good and I did good. She win the tournament, I'm second place. But I'm still 19 years old and she has many seconds, I know.

And maybe next year, maybe not this year, but next year or many more, I will win lots of tournaments and I can see that clearly right now, and I will work it out. I'm going to work really hard and practice more. And I still really don't know about my strengths, but one day I find out the strengths, and I play with that.

Oh, AP, I like you. (Laughter.)

Q. What actually are your emotions right now?

**IN-KYUNG KIM:** Right now?

Q. What's the primary thing you are feeling right now?

**IN-KYUNG KIM:** You know I can cry right now. But I'm not going to cry for this, really. I always cry after I play. But right now I feel confident with my game, and I played pretty tight with the No. 1 player. And I will take that experience and next time -- next time I'm never going to let it go, even any putt I left. I like my game. I really enjoyed it. The club was really nice, the gallery was really supportive, and I'm really impressed to this Wegmans tournament. I will be coming back next year and I will do better.

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