

Crowne Plaza Invitational at Colonial
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First-round Interviews

AN INTERVIEW WITH ANTHONY KIM

THE MODERATOR: We would like to welcome Anthony Kim in the interview room here at the Crown Plaza Invitational here at Colonial. Anthony, a fantastic round of 63 out there. Birdied your last six holes of your round, which is a Tour record for 2007. Previously it was 5. Obviously playing well, tell us about your round.

ANTHONY KIM: Well, I couldn't make a putt earlier in the round and felt like if I could tap one in. That backed off, just because I felt uncomfortable over the ball. I don't know what changed. But the putts started falling and six birdies came out of it.

Q. Did it have anything to do with the rain delay?

ANTHONY KIM: Well, I birdied two previous and then came out and birdied my 4. But I don't know what it was.

Q. At The Players Championship, it really slowed your momentum down in that you were going great there until then?

ANTHONY KIM: Right.

Q. And then your last round, it was an 83, was this a revenge round from that?

ANTHONY KIM: I forgot about that Player's Championship round until you told me about it. You know, this is obviously my rookie season, and I wasn't planning on playing at Wachovia and played there and then obviously went to The Players and played great.

But I was so tired going into that week that I really was not motivated, and I came back, had a week off and got refreshed. This is stuff I like to do, hang out with my friends, and lay by the pool all day, so I think that got me motivated for this week.

Q. This is supposed to be a course where familiarity helps, veteran guys typically do well here, and yet you and Quinney are right up there at the top. Any explanation for how that could be?

ANTHONY KIM: Well, you know, maybe it helps during the weekend. There is sometimes where it helps. If you play good golf anywhere you are going to shoot low scores. Maybe it's just been the luck of the rookies or the younger guys, they just haven't played well here.

Q. One of the first 2-putts or the third one, or anything that just kind of, a light went off, and you were suddenly comfortable, is there a point where you can point to where it wasn't uncomfortable anymore?

ANTHONY KIM: I think when I opened my eyes it got a lot easier. My eyes closed. There really wasn't one thing. Usually when something turns around during a round you can tell. I don't know what it was. Maybe it was taking the head cover off finally and putting it, or opening my eyes. Something changed and I don't really know what it was.

Q. Sort of like Chevy Chase?

ANTHONY KIM: I played like Chevy Chase.

Q. Obviously between 12 and 13, bogey, birdie turn around, did you give yourself a little verbal pep talk?

ANTHONY KIM: I gave myself quite a talking to after I made bogey there. Probably stuff I shouldn't be saying. I had a couple -- I had my trainer out here, and a couple of friends, and they pumped me up. Fortunately I stuck in a 2 and a half-footer and the ball got rolling there.

Q. (Inaudible)?

ANTHONY KIM: Right.

Q. You played well at the Nissan Open, I'm wondering if you like this style of course, tree lined and accuracy pays off?

ANTHONY KIM: You know, I heard that I wasn't going to hit driver very many times out here, because it was such a tight driving course. But I feel like if you are driving it well, there is no reason not to hit driver a lot of the time. I pulled out driver quite a few times today and it paid off. I think I learned a lot today. Maybe won't hit driver as many times, and not flirt with the trouble quite as much. But I'm obviously hitting the driver well.

Q. Are there any examples that you can give where you might rain it in with the driver?

ANTHONY KIM: I can't tell you my strategy. I haven't even thought about it. I will just see tomorrow.

Q. Anthony, I know you played down here, I assume you did during the Hogan awards last year, was that the only time before you played Colonial?

ANTHONY KIM: Right, that was the only time.

Q. Where did you hit driver today ? Do you recall what holes you pulled it?

ANTHONY KIM: A lot of holes.

THE MODERATOR: Anthony, thanks for coming in. Great round.

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