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Third-round leader quotes

AN INTERVIEW WITH MI HYUN KIM

DANA GROSS-RHODE: Thank you for coming in. Earlier this season you won the Ginn Open and now you're just one stroke behind the leader after finishing tied for 10th last year that tournament, do you want to talk about that?

MI HYUN KIM: You know, when I play here, Rochester, I know the course very well, and then when I come here I play very comfortable, you know, with everything, with the swing and putting. So I know that's why I play good here.

And then today, you know, I missed a little bit, I missed a couple putts, just a lip out. But now I'm very happy with my score today.

DANA GROSS-RHODE: Before I ask questions, do you want to go over your scorecard. On No. 2 you had a birdie.

MI HYUN KIM: No. 2, I can't remember. 120 yard, 9-iron, ten feet.

DANA GROSS-RHODE: Your eagle on four.

MI HYUN KIM: 65 yard, sand wedge.

DANA GROSS-RHODE: 8.

MI HYUN KIM: No. 8, I hit a driver tee shot right side bunker and then just lay-up. Little bit hit tree still have 145. And I hit rescue and then maybe seven feet.

DANA GROSS-RHODE: 12.

MI HYUN KIM: 12, 125 yard, 8-iron into the wind. 8-iron and like 6 feet.

DANA GROSS-RHODE: We'll take questions.

Q. You mentioned a little bit there about playing in Rochester, you said you felt comfortable. What else about this golf course? Are you always in contention here, and it's not a mystery, why are you always right near the top because it's tight and it's a short course, is that the biggest reason?

MI HYUN KIM: Yes, usually courses are wide and long. So the longest to play are pretty good. But right here, the course is very tight, and the fairways I hit farther than normal. So that is more easy to play for me.

Q. Now, you had a real great chance to win, I think it was three of four years ago here, I think Karrie caught you and beat you, going into tomorrow, you are sort of in the same position, do you feel like maybe your time has come here, like it's time to win here?

MI HYUN KIM: You know that time three years ago I had like a 5-shot lead. But even 5-shot lead, I was so nervous and then so -- I feel uncomfortable with my swing and everything. But right now, you know, I've only already this year I've won biggest tournament. Right now I play very comfortable with my swing and everything, short game. So one shot is not big deal.

Q. How do you get over that nervousness, is it experience? What does it take to get over the nervousness of being in contention on the last day?

MI HYUN KIM: Because I have a new coach before when I won. So I change the swing a little bit. That swing is more comfortable. So that's why I play more confidence, you know.

Q. Will you be nervous tomorrow heading into tomorrow?

MI HYUN KIM: I don't think so. I don't know about tomorrow. But right now I'm not.

Q. You have been in the Top-10 on the Money List every year five out of seven years, why did you change your swing this past off season?

MI HYUN KIM: Because I'm getting old. My swing is easily too big for me. So the last couple of years I had a lot of trouble with my shoulder and elbow, and I think, you know, my swing is too big. So that's why I change it.

Q. Do you consider yourself to be the second most famous golfer in your homeland behind Se Ri?

MI HYUN KIM: I think a little bit different way. Se Ri is more -- she have more charisma. But people think a different way with me, small. Like younger people like Se Ri, most younger people. And I think older people like me because more, like their daughter.

Q. Your driver, it seems like you have a really long driver?

MI HYUN KIM: No, the same, just normal.

Q. It's normal length not normal than other drivers?

MI HYUN KIM: It looks longer.

Q. What does your family, what can you tell us about your father and mother, what does your father do for a living? Does your mother have a career?

MI HYUN KIM: A small business. She own a shop type thing.

Q. Retail shop, sold things?

MI HYUN KIM: Yes.

Q. Did he come over here when you came over here?

MI HYUN KIM: Yes.

Q. Are they still here or did they go back now?

MI HYUN KIM: They went back to Korea last week, last Sunday because my brother had a son.

Q. They still come over here part of the time with you?

MI HYUN KIM: Yes.

Q. You said Se Ri is more popular with the younger, and you are more popular with the older, are you okay with that, would you prefer it switched?

MI HYUN KIM: No, I'm very happy with that. Younger people sometimes they changes easier. But older people, they are stable, so I like that.

Q. Growing up who did you kind of follow in golf, who were your idols growing up in golf?

MI HYUN KIM: I don't have. When I'm young, it's just the parents want to play golf. I didn't know exactly about the golf. I don't know about that.

Q. How did you get interested in golf, why is it that you've stuck with it?

MI HYUN KIM: You know, when I'm young.

THE INTERPRETER: When I was young and getting into golf, my dad put up the prize for her, for every tournament.

Q. Entry fee.

THE INTERPRETER: Her dad will put out, if you win this, you get this.

MI HYUN KIM: When I'm young I like to ski, I like to play ski, so my dad, you won this tournament, I can buy ski, new ski. That's why I play hard.

Q. So he almost blackmailed you to play golf?

DANA GROSS-RHODE: Bribes.

Q. At what point did you start enjoying it, when did it become more than just getting what you wanted?

MI HYUN KIM: When I came here in America. Golf is more important for me. Before, when I young, I didn't know about the golf. I have too much pressure, so I don't like my parents give me the pressure, a lot of people. So after I come here.

Q. Where you had so much pressure from your parents does that help you now on the course, especially heading in as one of the leaders, does it help you to deal with the pressure being a leader?

THE INTERPRETER: Sometimes I get pressure but sometimes I just don't have the pressure from them, so it kind of works out. But it wasn't just because my parents gave me pressure from when I was young. It's not presenting the pressure now. It's totally different.

Q. I think I interviewed you a few years ago, there was the big fitness craze, and you seemed to not want to be a real fitness gunho person working at the game that way, getting stronger and body building and all of that sort of stuff, I'm wondering if that changed and how long do you figure on staying out here playing golf?

MI HYUN KIM: I started two years. Last year work out. I started to work out last year with my trainer. So three times a week I work out.

Q. I just wonder if you enjoy it enough to be out here a long time, do you plan to be golfing a long time?

THE INTERPRETER: I think that there is a lot of young players coming in and playing well and I believe that there has to be some sort of generation change. So older people should go out, and the younger people should take over. But I'm still 29, and I'm assuming that I'll play at least 5 more years.

Q. It looks like you have made over \$6 million, I just wonder if that's enough, seems like you've done all right, \$6 million?

THE INTERPRETER: I made \$6 million, but I'm not playing for money, and even though I made \$6 million I haven't actually seen \$6 million, and I'm only playing just because I'm out here. My dad is still giving me betting on every birdie that I make. He gives me \$20 or \$25.

DANA GROSS-RHODE: I believe that's it. Thank you very much.

MI HYUN KIM: Thank you.

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