

Si Woo Kim The Players Profile Script

2017 The Players Win - INTRO

ANNC: *Twenty-one year old Si Woo Kim from South Korea. He is the youngest Players Champion, ever.*

Si woo: I realized that I'd won, and since it's one of the biggest tournaments, I still felt nervous for 2 to 3 days after the victory.
Since THE PLAYERS is such a huge event, everyone in town knew what was taking place.
A lady nearby recognized me and asked if I had won the tournament. So I said, "Yes, I won."
And she was like, "Wow, can I get a picture with you?"

Mom: It was great. It was more than I could ever ask for.

Mom: Back then, I was just so nervous.
Even if he didn't win, I was already thankful for how far he'd come.
I was ecstatic after he won the tournament.

TITLE CARD

Youth

Si woo: When I was young, there weren't many kids at the driving range in Korea.
The people there liked me and kept telling me I am good at it.
That got me more into golf.

Dad: I initially didn't think that he was special, but he really loved golf.
He always asked me to take him to the range whenever I went. He was just so passionate about golf.

Si woo: When I started to take golf more seriously, I was eight years old.
Before that, I just had fun hitting the ball.
But when I was eight, I told my dad that I wanted to be a professional golfer.

Si woo: When I was in 4th grade, I got in the youth national team for the first time and played all the way till my 7th grade.
Then, I played for the national team from 8th grade to 11th grade.
Those experiences helped me get to the next level.

Q-School

Locator: 2012 Qualifying School

STORYTELLING: The youngest player ever to qualify for the PGA Tour

- Si woo:** I didn't realize Q-school was such a nerve-racking stage.
I had not experienced Q-school before, so I was not that nervous.
But when I saw the other players, they played with a do-or-die attitude.
(Alternate: they played as if their life was on the line.)
- At the time, my game was so good.
As it was the first time for me, I didn't think too much of it.
That also helped me play well.
When I went to Q-School the next time, I was nervous because I had the pressure to succeed.
- Mom:** We had a difficult time in the beginning.
He got his tour card, but there weren't many tournaments he was eligible to play.
Since he did not have a full card, he had to travel to other cities to play on the Web.com Tour tournaments or Monday qualifiers.
It was a tough time mentally as well. To him and our family.

Wyndham Championship

Locator: 2016 Wyndham Championship first win

- ANNC:** *Youngest player ever to graduate from Q School on to the Tour but because he wasn't eighteen yet there were limitation. So this really is his first full year on the PGA Tour.*
- Si woo:** When I got my first PGA Tour win at the Wyndham Championship, it just felt like a dream.
After the tournament, I was taking a shower and I asked myself. Is this real?
I couldn't believe it.
When I arrived in Korea, reporters were waiting for me at the airport, and I knew that it was for real.
I didn't think that I could earn my first win on the PGA Tour that fast.
I was so happy to get a win early.
I'd like to go back in time and feel that winning moment again.
- ANNC:** *And Si Woo Kim. What is in store for this 21 year old today?*

THE PLAYERS Championship

Locator: 2017 The Players

Si woo: When I first played at THE PLAYERS, I did well and finished in 16th place. So even though it was a big event, I was not nervous and felt rather confident I would play better this time. I also went to TPC Sawgrass a week earlier. Even though I did not play every day, I practiced my short game on every hole, taking down notes of the grass conditions and the greens. That definitely helped me to become more comfortable and trust how I read the greens. It helped me to quickly adapt to the course.

ANNC: *Very makable. See he's numbered five under and Si Woo Kim. Three under round going through ten. Bogey free.*

Si woo: During the 3rd round, I did not think about winning at all and tried to focus on my own game. If I'm playing well, my goal is always to be in the top 10. So, I was just focusing on the top 10, but ended up playing really well. I was only 1 or 2 strokes behind the lead. On the night after the 3rd round, I started pining for the trophy. My game was going well and my confidence was high. To be honest, I did not sleep well because I was imagining winning the tournament.

ANNC: *What a shot by Si Woo Kim!*

Dad: Actually, he was almost unable to compete in the final round because of his back condition. I just hoped that he would finish playing safely till the end. But he made a birdie on the 1st hole and I think he forgot all about his pain. It shows how important the flow of the game is for players. When he plays well, he forgets the pain. That's how Si Woo went through with it.

ANNC: *Shot into the hill. Bumps it into the slope. It's an exhibition Notah!*

Si woo: At TPC Sawgrass, I think you have to change your strategy depending on your position on the leaderboard. I made a birdie on the first. Since I was 2 strokes behind when I started, I decided to play aggressively on the front nine. Others had a defensive play, so that strategy worked out for me and I managed to score well. I continuously watched the leaderboard while I was playing.

Si woo: There are so many hazards on the 16th, 17th, and 18th.
I couldn't let my guard down until I hit the tee shot on the 18th, even though I was leading by a few shots.

ANNC: *This is perfect.*

ANNC: *Just hammered it. That's a pretty bold line for a guy with a two shot lead.*

ANNC: *I'll say it is. I mean, I'm getting nervous just watching him.*

Si woo: After seeing my second shot being safe from the water, I knew that I would win. But thinking I actually won the tournament, it made me even more nervous. I just wanted to finish up the hole as quickly as possible.
The thought of receiving the trophy reminded me of all the hard work I've put in to come this far in my career.
So my heart was pounding when I played my last chip shot and putt.

ANNC: *And why wouldn't you end it with another beautiful touch shot.*

ANNC: *Twenty-one year old Si Woo Kim from South Korea. He is the youngest Players Champion, ever.*

Dad: One of his strengths is that he has grit.
He doesn't want to lose.
That strong desire to win helped him achieve a lot at an early age.

Si woo: I am not one of top rankers yet, but I think that it opened up an opportunity for me to go down that road.
THE PLAYERS gave me a lot of confidence.

The American Express

Locator: 2021 The American Express

ANNC: *And now, in his seventh year on the PGA Tour, looking to close out his third career win.*

Si woo: It's been 3 years and 8 months since I got my last win.
After winning THE PLAYERS, I thought I'd enjoy many more wins and play better than before.
I had a hard time because things didn't go as expected, but I think I overcame the difficult times with this win.
I'm really happy I won and I hope this leads to another win soon.

ANNC: *Si Woo Kim.*

ANNC: *What a putt!*

ANNC: *It's official now. Si Woo Kim is now a three time winner on the PGA Tour.*

OUTRO

Si woo: I know that there are many good players in Korea, and I hope that they come to the PGA Tour and compete with me someday.
I don't have a lot of experiences, but I'd like to share what I've been through and help them succeed and go beyond what I've done.

Si woo: I'd like to be the player that's not only recognized by golfers, but by everyone. Just like Tiger Woods or K.J. Choi.
I would like for those who don't play golf to think about 'Si Woo Kim' when they think about golf.
I'd like to be remembered like that.

Boy: Si Woo Kim signed my hat!

Si woo: I grew up watching all the famous golfers and role models.
It's hard to believe that I could be one of those role models now.
I feel a bit awkward, but I will try to be an even better player and would like to see young players name me as their role model.