

Y.E. YANG: There are a lot of legends on that tour with a much better career than me. I will learn a lot from those players.

Y.E. YANG: When I go to PGA TOUR Champions, whether it goes well or not, I think I will play more enjoyable golf than when I was younger.

Y.E. YANG: Now that I am older, I am changing my workouts little by little by lowering the weight and increasing the speed.

Y.E. YANG: I am the youngest member on PGA TOUR Champions. Since I am the youngest, I feel more energy and spirit.

Y.E. YANG: I started playing golf at the age of 19. In December of the previous year and January of that year, I had ligament surgery and met golf by chance. My dream at the time was to be a bodybuilder and run a gym.

Y.E. YANG: I began playing golf and came to know the inner contents of it little by little. After I got to know some of those things, I thought I wanted to become a professional, so I worked hard.

NATS: Please welcome Y.E. Yang!

Y.E. YANG: I was 36, I had children, and the average athlete retires at that age. But I decided to go America and start at that age. At first, I went to Q-School, got my PGA TOUR card, and competed in 2008. In the winter of 2008, I participated in Q-School again and reclaimed my card.

ANNC: He might be the next Korean star. This is a different kind of pressure. He's not just playing for himself; when you're from South Korea and you're a male, you're playing for your country.

Y.E. YANG: But if you have a dream, if you have a mindset that you can do it, you can do it.

ANNC: Another man from South Korea has won on the PGA TOUR. Joining K.J. Choi is Y.E. Yang!

Y.E. YANG: I was happy to be able to compete with great players which made me feel the joy of life. Thanks to that, I was a little bit relaxed. Perhaps that contributed to the win the PGA Championship.

ANNC: This could be groundbreaking in so many ways...

Y.E. YANG: At the time, I was not a famous player and if I had won the title by defeating a player similar to me, it would not have been as much of a topic of discussion. It was a player with 70 wins versus a player with one. Of course I was on the weak side.

ANNC: Y.E.S! He's taking the first major championship back home to Asia! The first to ever slay the mighty Tiger in a major.

Y.E. YANG: Wherever I go, I have the pride that I am a major champion. Having the PGA Championship trophy helped me a lot for myself and my life. At first I didn't realized that I hoped I could win a major in the U.S., but that dream has come true, so I am grateful.

YANG'S TWO VICTORIES EARNED HIM A SPOT ON THE PRESIDENTS CUP INTERNATIONAL TEAM IN 2009 – AN HONOR HE ACHIEVED AGAIN TWO YEARS LATER ... BUT AFTER YEARS AT THE PEAK OF HIS GAME...CAME AN UNFORTUNATE DESCENT.

Y.E. YANG: I have had a slump since 2012 or 2014. Several reasons overlapped, I think. So there were some tough times for a few years.

Y.E. YANG: I had neck disc problems and could not play golf for about six months. It hurt so much that I could not swing.

Y.E. YANG: There are ups and downs through the game. Each game makes a history of its own. Golf is fun in that sense, right?

Y.E. YANG: When I started on the PGA TOUR, I was 36 years old and I was a young blood. Now, I am 50 and a professional with a lot of experience.

Y.E. YANG: It is most important for me to manage my health. I hope I can finish the year healthy without any injuries.

Y.E. YANG: There is something sad about getting older, but we golfers still have the opportunity on PGA TOUR Champions for another chance.

Y.E. YANG: I am getting ready for my final chapter as a player, but also a new beginning. It is a tour with so many legends, so it is an honor for me to be able to do it this year. I am excited to compete against them again and I am looking forward to it.