**U.S. Junior Amateur Championship**

**Monday, July 19, First Round, The Country Club of North Carolina**

**RYLAN SHIM, Centreville, Va. (67, -5, Dogwood Course)**

(about his round)

I was just seeing my line. I was hitting my irons really well and I missed just one green. With all that I just stayed really confident and I just played my own game out there.

(about his summer)

Nothing has changed. I have been playing my own game. My swing feels really good coming into this and I knew I was going to play some good golf. The ball is going where I am l looking. I just switched to a mid-lock putter and my speed control was great out here. I am not taking this as a surprise at all but I am definitely happy with my number today.

(what gave him confidence going into the championship)

I am coming off a great ball-striking week at the Junior PGA and it gave me a lot of confidence. I told everyone around me if I continue to hit the ball the way I am and I have a good game plan for these two stroke-play rounds it’s going to be a great week.

(on his 50-foot birdie on No. 8)

I got a good read off the hill. It was a little bit of luck but it was definitely good pace and it just snuck in on the right edge.

(on his relationship with a caddie Gus Lascola, of Durham, N.C., who he just met today)

On the range he was talking to me about how far do you hit this and what do you want me to do. I just told him that I am going to trust you the whole way. He gave me my decade numbers and base numbers to use and he helped me out all day. We had great dialogue. Without him I don’t think I am anywhere close to where I am today.