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2008 Sony Open in Hawaii SHOTLink Stats



ShotLink Keys to Victory for K.J. Choi

- ◆ Choi was consistent from the tee at Waialea Country Club last year during his victory ranking T-6th for total driving for the week (compared to his 154th 2008 season average).
- ◆ His iron game was solid as well at the Sony Open ranking T-4th in greens hit finding 75% of his attempts (more than 10% better than the field average – 63%).
- ◆ His performance around the greens stands out the most as he ranked first in the field for scrambling salvaging par or better 83% of the time. (15 of 18).
- ◆ He was perfect 6 for 6 from the greenside bunkers averaging 5 ft 6 in from the sand for the week (T-1st in sand saves and 6th in proximity to the hole from the sand).
- ◆ During 3 of Choi's 7 career wins he's been perfect from the greenside bunkers ('08 Sony Open, '06 50th Bob Hope Classic, '05 Chrysler – Greensboro).
- ◆ He was solid putting from 4 to 8 feet for the week converting 16 of 17 total attempts from this distance ranking 3rd in the field.
- ◆ He also converted 6 of 12 attempts when putting from 10 to 15 feet for the week ranking T-9th from this distance for the week (almost 20% better than the field average of 32%).
- ◆ Choi led the field in par 4 scoring at Waialea Country Club at 9 under par compared to the field average of 2 over par (Choi was 11 shots clear of the field on the par 4's for the week).



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Key Tournament Statistics for K.J. Choi

| Stat | Winner Event Rank | Winner Event Stat | Event Average | Winner 2008 Season Rank | Winner 2008 Season Stat |
|--|-------------------|----------------------|---------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Distance from Edge of Fairway | 12th | 17' 1" | 28.9 | T44th | 22' 5" |
| Total Driving | T6th | 38 | 84 | 154th | 232 |
| Greens in Regulation Percentage | T4th | 75.00% | 63.53 | T81st | 65.48% |
| Sand Save Percentage | T1st | 6 of 6 | 51.28 | T82nd | 51.16% |
| Proximity to Hole from Sand | 7th | 5' 6" | 9' 9" | T52nd | 8' 9" |
| Scrambling | 1st | 83.33% | 57.22 | T95th | 57.24% |
| Scrambling from the Fringe | T1st | 100.00% | 91.04 | 194th | 77.78% |
| Scrambling from the Rough | T11th | 75.00% | 53.66 | 52nd | 58.27% |
| Scrambling from > 30 yards | 1st | 80.00% | 28.81 | 100th | 27.54% |
| Scrambling from 10-20 yards | 10th | 88.89% | 63.68 | 11th | 69.92% |
| Scrambling from < 10 yards | T1st | 100.00% | 85.58 | 178th | 78.79% |
| Total Putting | 18th | 60.0 | 85.9 | 27th | 123.8 |
| One-Putt Percentage | T17th | 44.44% | 38.26 | 64th | 38.17% |
| 3-Putt Avoidance | T27th | 1.39% | 2.64 | T44th | 2.70% |
| Putts Per Round | T24th | 28.25 | 29.21 | T86th | 29.27 |
| Putting from 4-8' | 4th | 94.12% | 68.91 | 17th | 72.22% |
| Putting - Inside 10' | T6th | 95.45% | 88.16 | T55th | 87.50% |
| Putting from - 10-15' | T9th | 6 of 12 (50%) | 31.68 | 10th | 35.29% |
| Lowest Round | T2nd | 64 | 68 | T77th | 64 |
| Scoring Average | 1st | 66.22 | 70.00 | T32nd | 70.26 |
| Birdie Average | T3rd | 4.50 | 3.24 | T87th | 3.40 |
| Par Breakers | T3rd | 25.00% | 18.41 | T108th | 18.89% |
| Par 4 Scoring Average | 1st | 3.81 | 4.08 | T33rd | 4.04 |
| Par 5 Scoring Average | T15th | 4.25 | 4.44 | T133rd | 4.74 |
| Par 4 Birdie or Better Leaders | T5th | 22.92% | 14.42 | 98th | 15.68% |
| Par 5 Birdie or Better Leaders | T7th | 75.00% | 56.50 | 84th | 40.29% |
| Birdie or Better Percentage | T3rd | 25.00% | 18.41 | T108th | 18.89% |





Waialea Country Club – 2008

First 2 Events – 2008 Course Comparison

| Stat | Plantation Course | Waialea CC |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| Shortest Average Fairway Width | 52 Yards | 26 Yards |
| Driving Accuracy Pct | 80% (Easiest on TOUR) | 51% (3rd Toughest) |
| Rough Tendency | 17% (4th Easiest) | 42% (Toughest on TOUR) |
| Proximity to the Hole - Rough | 38 ft 1 in (7th Easiest) | 48 ft 2 in (4th Toughest) |

- ◆ When looking at the first 2 PGA TOUR events on the year in Hawaii, a number of differences stand out. Off the tee, The Plantation Course had the easiest fairways to hit on TOUR in 2008.
- ◆ On the other hand Waialea CC had the 3rd toughest fairways to hit on TOUR (about a 30% difference). This can be directly attributed to the fairway widths of each course (Plantation course shortest average – 52 yards; Waialea course shortest average 26 yards).
- ◆ The accuracy from the tee between the 2 courses can also be displayed by the percentage of tee shots to find the rough. Waialea had the highest percentage of tee shots find the rough on TOUR in 2008 (42%). On the other hand, the rough on The Plantation course only took 17% of all tee shots.

The pars 5's on Waialea Country Club were some of the easiest to play on TOUR in 2008.

2008 Waialea Country Club Par 5 Stats

| Stat | Rank on TOUR | Stat |
|--|--------------------------|-------------|
| Par 5 Going for the Green Pct | 4th Highest | 69% |
| Hit Green Pct When Going for It | 3rd Highest | 35% |
| Birdie or Better Pct When Going for It | 2nd Highest | 67% |
| Average Going for It Shot Distance | 4 th Shortest | 233.3 Yards |
| Average Distance After Going for It Shot | 3rd Shortest | 20.5 Yards |
| Par 5 Birdie or Better Pct | 3rd Highest | 57% |