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| **Third-Round Leaderboard** |  |
| **Changsha Championship** |  |
| **Pos.** | **Name** | **Scores** |
| T1 | Chiehpo Lee (Chinese Taipei) | 69-70-70—209 (-7) |
| T1 | Kurt Kitayama (U.S.) | 69-65-75—209 (-7) |
| T3 | Taihei Sato (Japan) | 69-72-69—210 (-6) |
| T3 | Charlie Saxon (U.S.) | 70-68-72—210 (-6) |
| 5 | Jeffrey Kang (U.S.) | 66-74-72—212 (-4) |
| 6 | Ryann Ree (U.S.) | 68-71-75—214 (-2) |
| T7 | Zihao Chen (China) | 76-70-69—215 (-1) |
| T7 | Xuewen Luo (China) | 70-76-69—215 (-1) |
| T7 | Changping Chen (China) | 70-73-72—215 (-1) |
| T7 | Taewoo Kim (South Korea) | 70-73-72—215 (-1) |
| T7 | Sam Chien (U.S.) | 69-72-74—215 (-1) |
| T7 | Beonyeong Lee (Canada) | 68-71-76—215 (-1) |

**Lee, Kitayama share lead at Changsha Championship**

CHANGSHA, China—Chinese Taipei’s Chiehpo “Max” Lee shot a 2-under 70 in windy conditions Saturday to take a share of the lead at 7-under with second-round leader Kurt Kitayama (75) of the U.S. after the third round of the Changsha Championship.

Japan’s Taihei Sato eagled No. 18 for a 69 at Hunan Dragon Lake International Golf Club and a tie for third with American Charlie Saxon. They stand at 6-under in the third event of this season’s PGA TOUR Series-China.

The 23-year-old Lee, playing his first year on the Tour, started in good form, making three birdies in the first six holes before the wind started to pick up.

“I think I played really well today because it was pretty windy, and the greens were hard. So shooting a 2-under was very good,” said Lee, who saved his best for the last hole. “On 18, I hit a 9-iron straight over the pin, to the short side, where it’s a very, very difficult chip and I chipped it to around two feet. That was my best shot.”

Lee, who started with rounds of 69-70, is hoping to improve on his tie for third at the Chongqing Championship, where he played in the last group before coming up short.

“I’m very excited to play in the final group again. In the last event, I played in the final group in the final round, so now I’m more used to it. I’m looking forward to it.”

After starting the day three clear at 10-under, Kitayama made two double bogeys in a 3-over round. He admitted he was slightly nervous when the wind began blowing.

“It was really tough. There are definitely some nerves when it’s windy like this, and you have second thoughts on your shot-making, so it definitely has an impact,” said Kitayama, who played a full season on the Web.com Tour last year.

Kitayama will tee-off in the final group alongside Lee and Sato as all three seek their first win on the Tour.

“I’m really excited, and I’m just glad I’m right in the hunt,” said Kitayama, who graduated from the University of Nevada-Las Vegas with a degree in finance. “Hopefully I can have a good round and finish it off.”

Saxon, a two-time winner in 2016, is eyeing his first win on this year’s Tour and is nicely positioned, just one shot shy of the leading pair.

“At the start of any tournament, all you can do is put yourself in a position to be able to win on the final day,” said Saxon, who will play with compatriots Kang and Ree.

“I think one shot back is a good spot, and I’m welcoming the challenge. I’ll be ready. Nothing like a little final-round adrenaline.”