**Third-Round Leaderboard**

**Clearwater Bay Open**

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| **Pos.** | **Name** | **Scores** | **OOM** | **RMB** |
| 1 | Nick Voke (New Zealand) | 65-67-67—199 (-11) | 5 | 627,500 |
| T2 | Taewoo Kim (South Korea) | 68-69-67—204 (-6) | 28 | 240,348 |
| T2 | Yuwa Kosaihira (Japan) | 68-68-68—204 (-6) | 3 | 697,082 |
| T4 | Benjamin Lein (U.S.) | 67-68-70—205 (-5) | 64 | 79,800 |
| T4 | Cristiano Terragni (Italy) | 66-69-70—205 (-5) | 94 | 35,791 |
| T4 | Gunn Charoenkul (Thailand) | 67-68-70—205 (-5) | 36 | 169,620 |
| T4 | Jiung Jeong (South Korea) | 68-66-71—205 (-5) | 66 | 77,248 |
| T4 | Deyen Lawson (Australia) | 67-64-74—205 (-5) | 32 | 185,125 |
| T4 | Oskar Arvidsson (Sweden) | 66-65-74—205 (-5) | 51 | 110,437 |
| T10 | Campbell Rawson (New Zealand) | 71-67-68—206 (-4) | 54 | 92,226 |
| T10 | Brett Munson (U.S.) | 69-68-69—206 (-4) | 80 | 53,362 |

**Selected Results**

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| **Pos.** | **Name** | **Scores** | **OOM** | **RMB** |
| T12 | Callum Tarren (England) | 71-69-67—207 (-3) | 2 | 878,600 |
| T16 | Joseph Winslow (U.S.) | 72-68-68—208 (-2) | 6 | 567,217 |
| T30 | Motin Yeung (Hong Kong) | 71-68-72—211 (+1) | 7 | 522,850 |
| T49 | Charlie Saxon (U.S.) | 74-66-74—140 (+4) | 1 | 1,076,967 |
| T49 | Todd Baek (South Korea) | 69-73-72—214 (+4) | 4 | 655,150 |
| T49 | Trevor Sluman (U.S.) | 72-71-71—214 (+4) | 9 | 478,637 |
| T60 | Richard Jung (Canada) | 76-65-75—216 (+6) | 10 | 410,925 |
| CUT | Jeffrey Kang (U.S.) | 79-70—149 (+9) | 8 | 485,595 |

**Voke on cusp of third Tour title, leads at Clearwater Bay Open**

HONG KONG—New Zealand’s Nick Voke admitted he was “shaking” with nerves as he opened a five-stroke lead at the Clearwater Bay Open in his bid for a third win in four PGA TOUR Series-China events and a move up from fifth on the Order of Merit.

As Voke shot a 3-under 67 to move to 11-under after three rounds of the season-ending event, Japan’s Yuwa Kosaihira, third on the money list, shot 68 to move into a share of second with two-time Tour winner Taewoo Kim of Korea at The Clearwater Bay Golf and Country Club.

The 23-year-old Voke is seeking his third title in only his fifth event on PGA TOUR Series-China, having started with a tie for fourth in Suzhou followed by back-to-back wins in Qinhuangdao and Macau last month. Although he faded to a tie for 16th in last week’s Zhuhai Championship, the rookie pro has been a model of consistency this week at Clearwater Bay, where he has only three bogeys on his scorecard through 54 holes.

“It was a battle today, it really was. I didn’t have my A-game out there, but my short game was real sharp and I kept the ball in play. I had four birdies and one bogey, so all in all, I’m happy to be where I am,” said Voke, who birdied Nos. 2, 7, 9 and 16, with a solitary bogey at the par-4 third, the course’s signature hole.

“I kind of know how to play this golf course. I played the Asia-Pacific Amateur here in 2015 and I was in contention there as well, so I know the key for me isn’t how many birdies I make, it’s how many bogeys I don’t make. I’ve averaged one bogey a day, and if I can do that tomorrow, as well, I’ll be in with a good chance.”

The methodical Voke, who records his own game statistics, can appear cool and calculating with his game, but having come from behind on the final day for his previous two victories, he admitted he was feeling the pressure of being in the lead and expects to feel even more nervous Sunday.

“I’m starting to understand that it’s not how well you play, it’s how well you can manage yourself. The idea that hitting a golf ball is more like a shotgun spread as opposed to a sniper rifle, so I’m just trying to manage the spread as best as I can. I’d probably hit a 5-iron off some tighter holes as opposed to driver,” said Voke, who had been New Zealand’s top amateur before turning pro in January.

“However, I was shaking a little bit out there at times, and it’s going to be another good battle on Sunday because there are so many good players behind me. I know if I can turn up and do what I need to do to play well and take care of myself, then hopefully I’ll have the trophy at the end of the day. But I’ll be really nervous, if I’m completely honest with you.”

Kim, 25, won twice in 2016 and finished fourth on that season’s Order of Merit to earn a place on last year’s Web.com Tour. However, after losing his card, the jovial Korean has had a quiet season upon his return to China and is currently 28th on the Order of Merit.

After his round Saturday, though, lit up by four front-nine birdies in five holes, a win or runner-up finish at the Tour’s most-lucrative event could book him a place in the top-10 of the Order of Merit and December’s Final Stage of the Web.com Tour Qualifying Tournament outside Phoenix, Arizona.

“It’s a perfect round today. My tee shots are perfect, my putter is perfect and everything is perfect. My best shot is my tee shot on No. 7 and then perfect wedge. It was a really good birdie, and then I also made a good birdie on the next hole,” said Kim, who will play in the final group with Voke and the consistent Kosaihira, seeking his first win on the Tour.

“I’m very excited to play tomorrow. I’m not sure what to expect. I just want to play well and I want to win if I can. I think my driver was the best part of my game. I hit it straight all day. Hopefully I can keep it up and do more of the same tomorrow,” Kim added.

Australian Deyen Lawson and Sweden’s Oskar Arvidsson, the second-round co-leaders, both shot 74 to drop back to 5-under and share fourth place with American Ben Lein, Italy’s Cristiano Terragni, Korean Jiung Jeong and Thailand’s Gunn Charoenkul, a winner on the Tour in 2014 and 2016.

Order of Merit leader Charlie Saxon posted a 74 to fall back to 4-over and a tie for 49th, while England’s Callum Tarren, the only other player who can finish No. 1 on the money list, shot a 67 to move to 3-under and a tie for 12th, creating a platform for a late run at the top spot.