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**Second Round**

**Haikou Championship**

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| **Pos.** | **Name** | **Scores** |
| T1 | Quincy Quek (Singapore)\* | 66-73—139 (-5) |
| T1 | James Marchesani (Australia) | 69-70—139 (-5) |
| T3 | Masamichi Uehira (Japan) | 69-71—140 (-4) |
| T3 | Stephen Lewton (England)\* | 71-69—140 (-4) |
| T3 | Zihao Chen (China)\* | 69-71—140 (-4) |
| T6 | Velten Meyer (Germany) | 72-69—141 (-3) |
| T6 | Zheng Ouyang (China) | 73-68—141 (-3) |
| T6 | Charlie Netzel (U.S.) | 70-71—141 (-3) |
| T6 | Gunn Charoenkul (Thailand)\* | 67-74—141 (-3) |
| T6 | Jared Howard (U.S.) | 75-66—141 (-3) |
|  | Corey Shaun (U.S.) | 4-under through 15 holes |
|  | Keisuke Otawa (Japan)\* | 4-under through 13 holes |
|  | Brad Gehl (U.S.) | 3-under through 14 holes |

\* Began on No. 10

**Australia’s Marchesani, Singapore’s Quek share clubhouse lead in Haikou**

HAIKOU, China—Australia’s James Marchesani (69-70) and Singapore’s Quincy Quek (66-73) shared the clubhouse lead at 5-under at the Haikou Championship on Friday when officials suspended play at 6:05 p.m., due to lightning in the area. The second round will resume at 7:30 a.m., Saturday, and the third round schedule will be released at 9:15 a.m.

America’s Corey Shaun and Japan’s Keisuke Otawa are among 23 players yet to finish their second rounds and are currently tied for third at 4-under with England’s Stephen Lewton (71-69), China’s Zihao Chen (69-71) and Japan’s Masamichi Uehira (69-71).

Thailand’s Gunn Charoenkul, who started the day in solo second, was leading at 8-under through 11 holes before a wobbly finish at Sunac Haikou 3KM Golf Club dropped him into a tie for eighth, at 3-under, with five other players.

Marchesani played a full season on the PGA TOUR Series-China in 2018 after he earned full membership by winning the unofficial Clearwater Bay Open in 2017, which also happened to be his first pro victory. He went on to finish 36th on the Order of Merit a year ago.

Despite opening with a double bogey, Marchesani was able to card seven birdies and three bogeys to finish the day with a well-deserved 2-under.

“I didn’t have a great start, but I hung tough and putted really well. I gave myself a lot of chances inside 10 feet and was able to come in with a 2-under, so I’m happy about that,” said Marchesani, who is hoping to play the first hole a little better on the weekend. “Hole 1 has really gotten me this week. I lost a ball today, and I had a three-putt double (bogey) yesterday, so I’m planning on not making any more doubles on that hole over the weekend.”

**Did you know** that James Marchesani played in 10 events on the 2018 PGA TOUR Series-China season? He made eight cuts and recorded two top-10s.

**Key Information**

* The course this week is a par-72 totaling 7,095 yards.
* Thailand’s Gunn Charoenkul moved to 8-under when he birdied No. 2, his 11th hole of the second round. From then on, though, Charoenkul had three bogeys and a double bogey to drop five strokes over the final seven holes. He finished at 3-under.
* Masamichi Uehira and Keisuke Otawa are both players from Japan who enter the weekend of a PGA TOUR Series-China tournament in contention. Following in the footsteps of Taihei Sato (won the Chongqing Championship) and Yuwa Kosaihira (tied for fifth at the Sanya Championship), Uehira is through 36 holes at 4-under. Among the players who finished, he’s tied for third. Otawa played 13 holes of his second round, and he’s at 4-under, with five holes still to play.
* Singapore’s Quincy Quek has played in 32 previous PGA TOUR Series-China events. He played 10 tournaments each in 2014, 2015 and 2018 along with the first two tournaments this season. Quek did not play this Tour at all in 2016.
* Quincy Quek has recorded six top-10s during his 23 made cuts on PGA TOUR Series-China. His best finish came in 2014, when he finished third at the Lanhai Open.
* Last week’s Sanya Championship winner Trevor Sluman opened 73-69 and is at 2-under entering the weekend, tied for 14th with the players who have completed 36 holes.
* Taihei Sato, winner of the Chongqing Championship, is not playing this week.
* The low round of the day belonged to American Jared Howard. He shot a 6-under 66 after opening with a 3-over 75. Howard is in the clubhouse tied for eighth.

**Quotable**

“I think today could have gone both ways really. I wasn’t as comfortable on some of the putts as I was [Thursday], and sometimes when you miss early on in the round, the hole starts to feel a little smaller.” **– Quincy Quek**

“I think today was tougher than yesterday. Pin positions were tougher, and it was a lot windier today. I mean, I’m still happy that I clawed my way back after a bad start on the back nine to minimize the damage.” **– Quincy Quek**

“I’m just going to go out there and keep the ball in play and stay patient; try to get a few putts rolling in.” **– Quincy Quek**

“The front nine is a little more demanding off the tee. You have to really commit to a line, and I didn’t hit it well off the tee on hole 1 and 2, so that cost me a few shots off the tee.” **– Quincy Quek**

“I didn’t have a great start, but I hung tough and putted really well. I gave myself a lot of chances inside 10 feet and was able to come in with a 2-under, so I’m happy about that.” **– James Marchesani**

“Today was tougher, a lot more gusts from left to right. There were a few getable pins the last few days, so if you can keep the ball straight, birdies can come from there.” **– James Marchesani**

“Game is starting to feel good, which is nice heading into a long summer up here in China. Hopefully I can keep it going.” **– James Marchesani**

“I won’t change too much this weekend. I think my gameplan has been pretty good. The key is just getting the ball in play and keeping those bigger numbers off the scorecard.” **– James Marchesani**

“I played really well, but I just had one mishap on one hole, one bad shot. Apart from that, I played great today.” **– Stephen Lewton**

“My goal this year is to try and win an event. I was close last year, so to get a win this year is a good goal for the season and finish top-five.” **– Stephen Lewton**

“I struggled in the heat a little bit on my back nine. It got really hot, but I’m used to it. I’ve played in Asia for the last eight years, so it’s OK.” **– Stephen Lewton**

**Tournament Fast Fact**

This is the second PGA TOUR Series-China event to take place at Sunac Haikou 3KM Golf Club. In 2018, South Korea’s Todd Baek, at 10-under, won the event, which was reduced to 54 holes due to weather.

**Second-Round Weather Report**

Hot and sunny High of 96. Wind SE at 8 mph.

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