

**Club Car Championship at The Landings Club
First-Round Transcripts | Thursday, March 31, 2022**

Carl Yuan (Co-Leader / -8)

City Plays From: Dalian, China | Turned Pro: 2018 | College: University of Washington
Exempt Status: Tournament Winner (thru 2022)
Career Korn Ferry Tour Wins (1): 2022 Chitimacha Louisiana Open presented by MISTRAS

On what was working for him in the first round...

"I just played solid golf overall. Didn't quite have a hot start. It was quite windy to start with on the back nine, some tough holes. I made some good pars to start the round. I just hit good shot by good shot. Trying to play steady golf, but after the rain delay, the weather got better for us. The wind really calmed down and I really took my chance on quite a few holes. Made some good birdies and even drained along eagle putt on No. 6, so that was pretty lucky."

On his eagle on the par-5 sixth...

"I hit a great drive down the middle and had like 240 (yards) in. I tried to just smash a hard 5-iron. Got it pin high to, I would say around 55 feet. I just saw the line, hit a good putt and luckily it went in."

On his season thus far with three top-three finishes and three missed cuts in six starts...

"I missed the cut last week. I don't know if anybody gets more confidence from a missed cut than me this season. I wouldn't necessarily say keep the train going, but I'm trying to do my best every week. If I don't play great golf and miss the cut, it is what it is. But I've got to show up to perform and do my best."

On the weather conditions during the first round...

"It was windy to start the round the first couple holes for sure, but it definitely turned around after the rain delay. On the front nine, there are more downwind holes as well. It's a little easier and the calmer wind definitely helped my play for sure."

On what hole he was on when the delay started...

"I was on the 17th tee, so I went back and hit the tee shot (after the delay)."

On how he feels compared to how he felt after the first round at the tournament he won...

"I definitely played better golf today, but I still have three more rounds to go and it's competitive here. Just got to keep the pedal down and hit more low rounds."

On how he plans to spend the rest of the evening...

"Nothing much. Just go home, chill, go to bed and be ready for an early one tomorrow. Trying to shoot the low score of the day again."

Mark Hubbard (Co-Leader / -8)

City Plays From: Denver, Colorado | Turned Pro: 2012 | College: San Jose State University
Exempt Status (PGA TOUR): Nos. 126-150 in 2020-21 FedExCup standings (thru 2021-22)
Exempt Status (Event): Tournament Winner
Career Korn Ferry Tour Wins (1): 2019 LECOM Suncoast Classic

On what was working for him in his bogey-free first round...

“Man, everything. I can't remember the last time I felt that confident over a golf ball. Just felt really effortless. I feel bad saying this, but it could've been a lot lower. I had a vicious lip-out on No. 10 and then probably four other putts that burned edges. It could've been special and crazy, but I'll take 8-under bogey-free through first round any day.”

On where his confidence came from...

“It's just been mounting over the last month. I've just been playing really well and I think for the first time in a really long time, under the gun, I know I can trust my swing. I've played a really long time guiding the ball, not really knowing where it was going and kind of playing away from places instead of aiming at targets and shooting. The last two months, I've just felt better about my swing. It feels natural and athletic, and it's a good place to be.”

On if he was happy playing in the afternoon due to bad weather this morning...

“We were talking about it. We've been a part of some pretty bad waves this year. Last week in the Dominican, I think it was about three-and-a-half strokes difference. And I was on the bad side. We've got pretty much the same Bermuda (grass), so it's nice to be on the good side for a change.”

On playing well the last month...

“I've worked really hard on my swing the last eight months and it's just starting to pay off. A lot of it was just unwinding some bad habits and really just trying to get back to being athletic, feeling natural and swinging my natural swing. I feel like there were a lot of times under pressure where I was trying to do stuff rather than just move. And if you're forcing your body in positions it doesn't want to be in when you're tired or nervous or whatever, you're not going to get into one of those positions. More than anything, I'm just trusting myself and my body feels good, and from that comes a lot of confidence. At that point, just get out of your own way.”

On playing well on Korn Ferry Tour events this season...

“Anybody who's played at a high level, or really done anything at a high level knows that there's kind of a happy medium of working really hard and trying, but also that perfect amount of not caring. Out here, I kind of have that. My main focus is on the PGA TOUR. I'm going to get 17, 18 starts out there and I feel like I belong out there. So I am kind of using these to supplement that, and with that comes a little bit of freedom. Not that I've been playing bad up there. I've had some good finishes on the PGA (TOUR) this year, but I do have to figure out how to bring that same laissez faire attitude like most rounds out here.”

Bo Hoag (T10 / -4)

City Plays From: Columbus, Ohio | Turned Pro: 2011 | College: Ohio State University

Exempt Status (PGA TOUR): Nos. 126-150 in 2020-21 FedExCup Standings (thru 2021-22)

Exempt Status (Event): Tournament Winner

Career Korn Ferry Tour Wins (1): 2019 WinCo Foods Portland Open presented by KraftHeinz

On the highlights of his round...

“Windy out there today. To play a good round, you’re going to have to hole some putts on a day like today. It’s going to be hard to control your ball on some holes. I did everything pretty well, though. I hit it pretty well, too.”

On the key to playing in today’s windy conditions...

“We’re still trying to figure that out. I’ve always been a pretty good wind player. I feel like that’s definitely a strength. When I see the forecast is calling for 25-35 (miles per hour winds), there are maybe some times I don’t like it, but for the entire day I know it’s going to be an advantage for me when it’s that windy.”

On whether there is an advantage to getting his round done early...

“I haven’t seen the forecast. It was looking like we had the bad draw, because it looked like we were going to have to play in the wind and the other wave was going to be suspended for the day with storms, come out tomorrow and not have to play in any wind at all. It is nice to be done and have a good round.”

On whether there is a particular part of the course he feels will be most difficult throughout the week...

“Not really. I think you’ve got 18 good holes out here. It’s a good golf course, really good shape. They’ve done a great job getting the course (in) tip-top shape.”

Joey Garber (T27 / -2)

City Plays From: Petoskey, Michigan | Turned Pro: 2014 | College: University of Georgia

Exempt Status: Top 75 on 2020-21 Regular Season Points List (thru 2022)

Career Korn Ferry Tour Wins (1): 2018 REX Hospital Open

On how the windy conditions effected his round...

“Everyone was talking about it when the forecast came out a couple days ago. We knew we had to battle and it was going to be tough for us. Just put one foot in front of the other and tried to make as many good swings and putts as we could.”

On what worked best for him Thursday...

“Putting. I was just getting it in the hole. On a day like this, you just have to do that, get through it, and do the best you can. I did a good job of holing some putts that kept my round together. That’s what you have to do in conditions like this.”

On the difficulty of controlling the golf ball today...

“A couple times you had no control. It was just dependent on a gust. The wind is blowing 20 (miles per hour), but there are gusts that are 35-40 miles per hour. If you catch one of those, it’s just bad timing. That’s going to happen to everyone. You just have to make the most of it and try to get it up and down.”

On whether he’s happy to be done with his round on a day like today...

“My wife and baby are coming up, so we will enjoy the afternoon in Savannah. We are not far from here. We’re almost local. We will have a good time and enjoy the town.”

On being a St. Simons Island resident and University of Georgia grad playing close to home this week...

“It means more than most people know. It’s always special to play close to home and to have friends and family. I had friends from Michigan that came down, friends from St. Simons Island. Hopefully we will keep it going for a couple days and they can hang out, drink and have a good time, enjoy the town, and enjoy some good golf.”

On what he had to do differently today with the conditions...

“Nothing, really. It’s just doing the best you can and being okay with shots that end up where you thought they were going to end up. We were all prepared today knowing what was going to happen, so you have it in your mind this is going to be a tough day and pars are good.”

Billy Tom Sargent (T27 / -2)

City Plays From: Georgetown, Kentucky | Turned Pro: 2019 | College: Western Kentucky University

Exempt Status: Additional 2021 Qualifying Tournament Finishers (thru 2022)

Notable: Final player into the field (gained entry upon Kris Blanks' withdrawal Thursday morning)

On how challenging the conditions were ...

"It was very tough. Waking up this morning, I was first alternate, so I didn't know if I was going to get in or not. Got here at 6:15 a.m. and just warmed up and found out I got in. Had to change the mentality real quick and get focused."

On what the mentality is when you show up as an alternate...

"It's tough. I did it last year in (at NV5 Invitational presented by Old National Bank) and was first alternate, waited all day, warmed up four or five times and never got in. It's just tough. You have to stay ready and be prepared to play."

On whether he was confident he'd get in the field today...

"Not really. It was 50-50. You never know what's going to happen. Just thankful to get in."

On whether it was a relief to get in given the upcoming reshuffle...

"Yeah. For sure. Played last week and didn't play well. Need a good finish to reshuffle up, so getting the opportunity this week is really good."

On the best season to play golf...

"As long as it's warm, it's okay. Wind, rain you can get through it as long as it's warm."