

Second-Round Transcripts | Final Stage | Saturday, November 5, 2022

Chan Kim (-10, Leader)

City Plays From: Gilbert, Arizona | Turned Pro: 2010

On his round...

"I definitely got off to a lucky start. I holed out on No. 10 and then again on No. 13 and obviously that give you momentum. I just played really solid throughout the whole round. On my back nine, which is the front nine, I started with three straight birdies. I'm definitely happy with how I played today."

On his approach shots on Nos. 10 and 13...

"On No. 10 I actually thought that my ball went long, or I thought that it was going to go long and you just heard it hit the pin. We were kind of scrambling looking for the big bounce and I guess it just went clean in because there were no pitch marks anywhere, so that was pretty exciting. The next one, [the green] kind of bowls in, so I'm thinking 'I can probably get this pretty close.' I saw it track over the hill and then all of the sudden I just heard screaming, so obviously that one went in. I just don't know how to explain it. I didn't know what was going on. I just had to reset after that one and keep my head in the game."

On if this round is one of his favorites...

"It definitely is now. With the two hole-outs and with it being [Korn Ferry Tour] Final Stage of Q-School it's definitely going to be one of the most memorable rounds."

On his decision to play Q-School this year...

"I just figured it was time. I've got five years on the Japan Tour as far as exemptions, but it would be nice to play closer to home as well. I would like to go home on my off weeks and sleep in my own bed. I just decided to come and give it a go and hopefully it works out."

On what Kim has learned through his success...

"Just to stay patient. Q-School is a grind and mentally it's very challenging, but at the end of the day it's just another tournament. It's either you make it or you don't, so you just have to give it your all and see how it goes."

On his expectations playing Magnolia again tomorrow...

"Definitely not [expecting] as much as today but I've been hitting it pretty solid and I came off some really good finishes in Japan before I came here. I'll be staying with the same game plan... just try to hit fairways and give myself a chance and we'll see how it goes."

On when he decided to play Final Stage of Q-School...

"I came over for the [Korn Ferry] Tour Finals and played that hoping to get inside the top-25, but if not I knew I was going to come and play this, so that's when I decided that I was going to come over."

On what Q-Schools he has played before...

"Pretty much every single one, I think. I played over in Europe, Japan, Asian Tour, Canadian Tour, and here as well. I've done my fair share."

On what inspires him to play for a living...

"It's more so the challenge of waking up every day and nothing ever feels the same. It's always a constant battle to try and figure out how your day is going to go, how you're hitting it and controlling your emotions. I think that's the excitement of it and I just love being out there."

On his favorite golf moment throughout his career...

"I guess playing with Tiger. I played with Tiger in the third round of the ZOZO Championship at Sherwood. That was obviously awesome, one of the best moments of my life."

On any memorable conversations with Tiger Woods...

"When I hit one of my low-punch drivers, he came up and was like 'Did you just chip a driver?' I was like 'Yeah,' and he said 'I love that shot.' For him to say that... I mean I was shaking the whole time. That was pretty cool."

On if Tiger was someone he looked up to...

"Absolutely. He's someone that I grew up watching and it's going to be tough to get to 82 wins but it's pretty cool to be able to play with him."

On entering the final two rounds...

"I think I feel pretty good. I'm just trying to keep up with my rest. I'm still pretty jetlagged so I'll try to get some sleep in and hopefully I'm recovered for the next day."

On why he was jetlagged...

"I actually flew in from Japan. When did I arrive? I can't even keep track anymore. I think I arrived Monday night and then I'll be flying back out to Japan on Tuesday morning. It'll be quite the traveling days but as long as I have a job and a place to play I'm going to keep at it."

On if he is going back to Japan to play another tournament...

"Yeah, four straight after this week."

On the travel time to Japan...

"Coming it was 11 and a half to Houston plus a three hour layover then two hours here. I'm so used to it by now. With 11 hours I just sleep on the plane, wake up, then I'm there. It's not too bad."

On if he will finish out the season in Japan...

"Whatever I do over there now is just a bonus. After this week I'm hoping to be able to play out here and that's the main goal for sure."

Alan Wagner (-9, solo-second)

City Plays From: Olavarria, Argentina | Turned Pro: 2007

On his round...

"Today was a very different day than yesterday because of the course. Magnolia has really tricky greens and the wind was going in weird directions today. I started on No. 10 and made a bogey then didn't make a birdie on No. 11, so it was a rough start to the round. I did well. I hit the ball really good from the tee and my second shots, so I gave myself a lot of chances. Maybe I didn't play that good with the putter today like yesterday, but to be able to win at the course, to shoot one-under, it's okay. I'm happy with it. I have to keep doing the same."

On his approach playing Magnolia...

"Magnolia is a tricky golf course, it's not like anything I've seen before. You have to be very careful on where the pin position is, and the wind, which is going in any direction on some holes. You can't play that aggressive. You have to put the ball in the right places and then wait for the birdies to come."

On his golf career...

"It's a long journey. I turned professional when I was 18. I played in Europe for three years on the Challenge Tour and few open events every now and then. I missed my card there so I came here to the States to play mini tours back in 2010 and 2011. Then I went to Canada to play [PGA TOUR Canada] and when the PGA TOUR Latinoamérica started I just played all the tournaments down there. It has been a long journey but I've been enjoying it. I made top-10 on PGA TOUR Latinoamérica this season and so that's why I ended up here and hopefully next year will be playing with you guys."

On what motivates him to continue playing professional golf...

"It's the love for the game. I really love to play golf and it is interesting to me to get better every day and that's the main thing. That's the main thing about my intensity with golf. I really enjoy playing golf and I enjoy it more when I play good."

On two consistent rounds to start Final Stage...

"It's not easy to ease up in Q-School because you can think that you have a lot of room to go back but I'm very, very happy with the work that I've done up until now and I want to keep doing the same."

On playing Magnolia again tomorrow...

"It all depends on the wind and pin positions. I will check the pin positions this afternoon and the wind direction and then see what holes I can go for and which holes I'll need to wait a little bit."