



**Lake Charles Championship
Third-Round Transcripts | Saturday, March 26, 2022**

Seonghyeon Kim (-15, Solo Leader)

City Plays From: South Korea | Turned Pro: 2017 | College: Korea National Sport University
Exempt Status: Qualifying Tournament Finishers 11-40 and Ties (thru 2022)

On his 7-under 64 today...

"The front nine did not go as well as I planned. I struggled a little bit. But as I turned to the back nine, I gained some confidence. The putts started to drop, I got into a good rhythm, which ended up in a good score. I'm satisfied with my round today."

On going low back-to-back days on this course and how he will attack the weekend...

"Yesterday and today I had a good round. The greens are firming up as we continue through the rounds. It's very important for me to keep putting well, and saving and scoring around the greens. If I can do that tomorrow, I'm sure some good things will happen."

On contending twice this season and whether that's what he expected of himself on this Tour...

"I've always tried to stay composed, and being a Tour player, I always come here to win. There are a lot of tournaments left in the season, and I'm confident a chance will come to me. I'm just going to keep grinding."

On why he chose to play the Korn Ferry Tour rather than take another path to the PGA TOUR...

"Ever since I started golf, as with many other players, my ultimate goal was to reach the PGA TOUR one day. My dream has always been the PGA TOUR and I knew I had to come through the Korn Ferry Tour and succeed here in order to get that. The reason behind coming to this Tour and making the decision to come to this Tour is to reach my ultimate goal, which is to play on the PGA TOUR."

Brandon Matthews (-13, T3)

City Plays From: Dupont, Pennsylvania | Turned Pro: 2016 | College: Temple University

Exempt Status: Tournament Winner (thru 2022)

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On matching the low round of the day with an 8-under 63...

"It was good. I started hitting the ball really, really solid the last 10 holes yesterday. I felt really good coming into today. I had a great start, made a nice save on No. 5 to not lose the momentum. It was really solid. I'm really happy about where my game is right now. Short game, putting, everything is really good. Excited for tomorrow."

On whether something in particular clicked for him the last 10 holes...

"Just started feeling my swing where I wanted to get it to. I felt like I got it there. It's just one of those things where you hit a couple good shots, gain the confidence, and then keep swinging like that. Everything was good."

On whether this course is tailored to his long-hitting abilities...

"A little bit, but also I need to play smart when the wind isn't going my direction on some holes. I was really proud of myself today on No. 10. The wind was coming out of the left and into, and I still hit 3-iron off the tee even though I had to hit 4-iron in. I just want to limit the mistakes, and I feel like if we can do that going into tomorrow we're going to be in good shape."

On the chip-in at No. 17...

"I hit 9-iron (up to the green). I actually hit a really good shot. The wind took it a little bit more than we thought it would. I saw the line really good in there. I've been pitching it really good this week. Hit a little pitching wedge runner and it went right in the center."

On whether not staying at the casino hotel this week was intentional...

"One hundred percent. We needed to be off site this week."

On being No. 2 on the points list...

"I'm just playing really good golf, happy with the spot I'm in. If I can continue to do that, great things will happen. I'm not really thinking about the outcome. I'm just thinking about day to day and how I prepare for events, how I go shot to shot, my course management, and if we can continue doing that and not get ahead of ourselves, I think we are going to be in a really good spot."

On whether he is thinking about the Three-Victory Promotion...

"One hundred percent. That's the goal. If we can win three times and get out there sooner, that's great. But that's only going to happen if I stay in the present and do the things I have continued to do over the last few years."

On whether a setup which requires him to dial his distance back presents a unique challenge...

"Just discipline. I've grown a lot maturity-wise mentally. Having that discipline is a lot easier than a couple years ago when it didn't matter. Nos. 18 and 10 are the two long drive holes this week and I hit 3-iron off both of them. There used to be a where it didn't matter. I would still send driver just to get that number. I know that doesn't matter anymore, and I'm proud of myself for doing that."



On whether he felt the course opened up a little more today with less wind...

“A little bit easier. This wind especially, some of the holes that might play a little tougher, like No. 8, were dead downwind. That was a little easier today. I’m sure there were some high scores. I know I made one yesterday. But this wind fits the way I play this golf course pretty well. There wasn’t much wind, but it was still out there.”