



Third-Round Transcripts | The Ascendant presented by Blue | Saturday, July 2, 2022

Zecheng Dou (-12, Co-Leader)

City Plays From: Beijing, China | Turned Pro: 2014

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

On the third round and how tough the back nine was playing...

"Started off really solid. Saw a lot of guys went out and shot 5-, 6-under on the front nine. I knew there were chances out there on the front, and I caught it every easy hole. I hit the green on a par 4, hit the green (in two) on par 5s, so kind of easy birdies. Coming to the back nine, missed a lot of chances today. Those 10-footers and 6-footers, I just couldn't read them right. I'm going to work on that later."

On what he's worked on the last couple months to get himself back in contention...

"My golf swing's just been changing throughout the season, little small stuff every week. About five weeks ago when everything started to mess up and going sideways, I've been trying all the ways to try to get it back to where I started the season. Took a nice week off last week and went to a lesson with my coach and sort of figured out what was the problem."

On his comfort level ...

"This is one of the last weeks, so everybody should be nervous, because it's a couple points away, a couple top-10 finishes away from getting their (PGA) TOUR card. The way I'm playing makes it seem like a little less pressure than it should be. I'm handling it pretty well."

On how he feels going into tomorrow's final round...

"Definitely a little nervous, but I just want to play like I did the last few days and I should be fine. My golf game is there. I could win any time the way I'm playing today."

On how he's viewing tomorrow with a chance to both win and secure a PGA TOUR card...

"I definitely think about winning, because that's how I started off the season. I didn't have to think about how many points I am away from getting my TOUR card. But since it's the end of the season, the TOUR card stuff gets in play a lot in my mind. That's the main goal playing out on the Korn Ferry Tour: get your TOUR card and play good on the PGA TOUR."

On finishing T7 here in 2019...

"I shot 5-under on the last nine holes and moved up to T7."