

Circling Raven Championship

Circling Raven Golf Club | Worley, Idaho | August 27-29

Second Round Notes

August 28, 2021

Course Setup: 36-36—72; 6,588 yards (R2 scoring average: 71.196)

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LEADERBOARD			
	Player	To Par	Score
T1	Sophia Schubert	-11	67-66
T1	Peiyun Chien	-11	66-67
3	Min-G Kim	-10	64-70
T4	Demi Runas	-9	67-68
T4	Fatima Fernandez Cano	-9	64-71
T6	Five Players Tied	-8	

SCHUBERT AND CHIEN TIED AT THE TOP AFTER 36 HOLES

A bogey-free, 6-under par 66 by **Sophia Schubert** (Oak Ridge, Tennessee) on Saturday launched her into a share of the lead at the inaugural Circling Raven Championship with two-time Symetra Tour champion **Peiyun Chien** (Pingtung, Chinese Taipei). Both individuals sit at -11 overall, while Schubert has carded 12 birdies over the opening 36 holes to reach the mark.

Schubert's performance so far in Worley, Idaho is fresh off a pair of top-10 finishes, including a share of second at the FireKeepers Casino Hotel Championship to match a career-best result on the Symetra Tour. The duo sets the pace and will head off No. 1 tee in the final pairing on Sunday at 12:50 p.m. PDT.

"I just stayed patient out there, tried to hit as many fairways and greens as I could. I didn't realize that I didn't have any bogeys today," said Schubert. "I would attribute my confidence to the team around me; my friends, family, caddy, trainer, they have really pushed me into the mindset of 'I got the game and I just have to go out there and focus one shot at a time.' They have really been a big support system for me. I tend to get really down on myself, and they are always there reminding me that I can do this. It has been really helpful."

Chien may have missed the cut in each of her last three starts, but she has one top-five finish this season and knows how to seal the deal.

"I am pretty happy, played well the last two days. I haven't really been playing well and have been bouncing back and forth between tours, which has been confusing for me and I have lost trust in myself," Chien said. "[Recently], I did a lot of rest and acupuncture to take care of my body, so I have more energy and my thinking is better."

After making the turn in the second round at 4-under, Chien opened her back nine with an unexpected birdie on No. 10 to cap a moving day 67.

"My tee shot went all the way left and I pushed it, had to take a drop. Then it was a 30-yard, downhill chip. I remembered a competition with Laura [Gonzalez Escallon] and she just taught me to hit it softer. I thought of what she said, and it helped because I chipped it in," Chien said.

MIN-G KIM SEEING HER GAME COME TOGETHER

Following a second-round 70 at the inaugural Circling Raven Championship, **Min-G Kim** (Cheongju, People's Republic of Korea) is -10 for the tournament and in solo third heading into the final 18 holes.

"It feels pretty amazing to have my name on the leaderboard. I'm just hoping to keep it up there. I mean nerves are a waste of energy versus excitement, you want to get excited for it and try to take it slow, do the same thing I did today," said Kim, who has her father on the bag this week. "I grew up in the Philippines and he was a member, so I grew up on the golf course. He was my first coach. He used to be an avid [golfer], but he doesn't play anymore. Honestly this is as much of his game, as it is my game."

With nine career top-10 finishes, two of which came in her last three starts, Kim will tee off in the penultimate pairing off No. 1 tee tomorrow at 12:40 p.m. PDT in search of her first win on the "Road to the LPGA."

RUNAS CLEARS HER MIND DURING ROUND TWO

Clear Golf ambassador **Demi Runas** (Torrance, California) is set to join Min-G Kim in the penultimate pairing for the final round after turning in a 4-under par 68 on day two. She is tied for fourth with **Fatima Fernandez Cano** at -9, two strokes behind the lead.

"It is a different pressure when you are in chase mode rather than holding the lead. When you are a couple shots back, I feel I can be more aggressive and just go for it a little more," said Runas. "I definitely think the par-5s are more friendly this week, which is always fun because there's chances for eagles and to make some noise that way. There are also some par-4s that are reasonable, so you just need to know where you need to be on the fairway to attack the pins. I think there is opportunities out there, it is just a matter of going after them."

Runas entered the week following a season-best finish of a tie for eighth at the Four Winds Invitational. In hopes of having some help pushing her bag this weekend, she called in friend and Gonzaga University women's golf assistant coach, Victoria Falgren.

"It gets hard if you don't have a normal caddy out here, so it's nice to have somebody that I've known forever," Runas said. "She is basically more family than friend. It takes your mind off the situation a bit."

NOTABLE QUOTES

Dewi Weber (-8, T6) on making the move of the day from T46 to T6 with a 7-under 65 in round two:

"I think in the past, I got really frustrated about little things. Even yesterday, I was playing really well but lost focus for three holes, made bogey-bogey-bogey. Somehow, instead of what I usually do, I kept telling myself that I was playing well, could shoot low here and that I like this golf course. I kind of took a different approach this week than I usually do."

Daniela Iacobelli (-8, T6) on enjoying the new tournament and seeing the growth of the game:

"I love this weather. It's like my favorite kind of weather and then you have a good golf course that's in immaculate shape. As you can tell by the scoreboard, it's kind of hard to not play well. We used to kind of have an equation for the cut after the first day, whatever it was it would always go to double plus one and that was inevitable. Now we're starting to see cuts stay the same or even go down which is cool, it's very similar to the LPGA. It's just showing how much better the girls are getting and how much more competitive it is out here."

Anita Uwadia (-7, T11) on finding her mental strength on the course while mentoring:

"I have a local caddy this week, shoutout to Maddie (Haas). She's a high schooler and you know she just wanted to come out and see what it's like. Her goal was to just learn because this is where she wants to be one day, or hopefully the LPGA. When I had a bad shot, I just talked to her, so it frees up my mind and I'm focused on that instead of getting so down on myself. She was definitely a great help."

Lilia Vu (-7, T11) on changing her mentality on the back nine today:

"I got pretty upset once I three-putted [after lining up an eagle] on No. 3. I was pretty hard on myself and then I just started to play worse. Then, on the back nine, I was like 'Ok, you've done this a million times, just go set up yourself for birdies.' And that's what I did. I really like how difficult the course is and the greens are actually pretty firm. The back nine really fits my eye it reminds me of my home club, so I was excited once I got to the back nine today."

PLAYER NOTES

Sophia Schubert

- Schubert is a native of Oak Ridge, Tennessee
- Named to the SEC All-Freshman Team at Auburn University
- Earned first collegiate win at the 2014 Alamo Invitational with a 54-hole total of 204, breaking the Auburn and Alamo Invitational tournament scoring record
- Transferred to the University of Texas after one year and was a three-time All-Big 12 Team selection for the Longhorns from 2015-2018, also winning two tournaments for UT

- Won the 2017 U.S. Women’s Amateur Championship to earn exemption into the 2017 Evian Championship (finished T58), as well as 2018 ANA Inspiration and U.S. Women’s Open
- Member of the victorious Team USA at the 2018 Curtis Cup and Arnold Palmer Cup
- Two-time Women’s Golf Coaches Association (WGCA) All-American, including a First Team member as a senior in 2018 which was the program’s first since Heather Bowie in 1997
- Made her professional debut at the 2018 Indy Women in Tech Championship Driven by Group 1001 on the LPGA Tour
- Made 11 cuts in 19 starts during her rookie season on the Symetra Tour in 2019 and claimed a season-best of T11 at the FireKeepers Casino Hotel Championship
- Made 9 cuts in 9 starts on the Symetra Tour in 2020 with a season-best finish of T11 at the FireKeepers Casino Hotel Championship and Symetra Tour Championship

Peiyun Chien

- Chien is a native of Pingtung, Chinese Taipei
- Won four TLPGA events (2009-2011)
- Played 11 events on the Symetra Tour in 2012 and one in 2013 before focusing on playing in Asia until 2016
- Won the inaugural Kansas City Championship and finished 10th on the Symetra Tour’s Volvik Race for the Card Money List to earn LPGA status for 2017 season
- Finished ninth on the TLPGA in 2015 and tenth in 2016
- Caddied for good friend Yani Tseng at the 2015 Swinging Skirts LPGA Classic
- Season-best T9 at the 2019 Cambia Portland Classic on the LPGA Tour
- Made five cuts in five starts on the Symetra Tour last year and claimed her second win at the Symetra Classic

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