

THE BAHAMAS GREAT EXUMA CLASSIC

ROUND 1 QUOTES

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K.K. LIMBHASUT (-8)

Q. So, K.K., to start, what was the course like out there today?

K.K. LIMBHASUT: You know, this is probably the calmest I've seen this place so far this week, even though this is my first time playing the Exuma Classic. I heard it usually blows out here, but today it was so calm. Even like the back nine where you get exposed out there, it's not blowing at all.

Q. What for your game was working well for you today?

K.K. LIMBHASUT: You know, the goal for the week is just keep the ball in play, there's a lot of penalties out here, and I was able to do that all day. A lot of shots in the fairway and just made a lot of midrange putts, a lot of 20-footers and take advantage of the short holes.

Q. You played in Thailand a lot this past season. What would you say you learned from that experience playing out there and coming over back to the Korn Ferry Tour?

K.K. LIMBHASUT: Yeah. So '23 I didn't have any status out here, so I just went back to Thailand and spent a lot of time with family and played golf just to enjoy the game again. I've been out here since 2020 and just been a grind just keeping the card and always have conditional status. I just went back home, kind of refreshed things and then just get ready for Q-School and end up winning second stage. Having eight guaranteed starts helps so much to come and play freely.

Q. Does it feel like it takes some pressure off of you coming out here knowing you have those eight guaranteed starts?

K.K. LIMBHASUT: Yeah, absolutely. It's hard when you're just scrolling through your phone if you're going to get in next week or not, always on standby, just never know your schedule.

Q. And how do you plan on kind of carrying this over to tomorrow?

K.K. LIMBHASUT: Just keep the same game plan, stay -- you just need to stay dry off the tee. There's just so many hazards and trees where it can get out of hand out here, especially if the wind blows. In the past it blows hard out here, so it can be pretty tough if it's blowing 25, 30 miles per hour.

Q. And you were out here yesterday with the youth clinic. How did that go yesterday?



K.K. LIMBHASUT: Yeah, no, I haven't done one of those in a while. It's nice to see a lot of kids join us yesterday. That's literally how I started playing the game, my dad took me to clinics like yesterday and just kind of fell in love with the game from there.

Q. Are you able to enjoy the beauty of 11 through 16 or are you just kind of focusing on the shot?

K.K. LIMBHASUT: No, I just take it in. Not having anywhere to play last year just changed the perspective. Like it can't be that bad playing golf in the Bahamas. The weather is so nice today, you can't complain about it. Yeah, absolutely, I always look over to the ocean, just enjoy the moments.

Q. Obviously a good year improving status back in 2020-2021, and then last year playing in Thailand, are there any players out here on Tour that you kind of lean on for advice in kind of helping you?

K.K. LIMBHASUT: Yeah. Obviously I went to college with Collin Morikawa. We've been friends since we were like 15 because I grew up in southern California pretty much. So yeah, I text him and talk to him about like how he approached things for the week. Before coming here this week we were practicing and he was pretty much getting me ready for Exuma. We always stay in touch and always close.

Q. Is home base for you back in Thailand right now or do you have a place in the States?

K.K. LIMBHASUT: Yeah, I moved to Las Vegas a couple weeks ago, but I've been in Arizona for the past four years or so. I moved to U.S. when I was 14. U.S. is pretty much my home other than my parents live in Thailand.

