

# Men's Olympic Golf Competition

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Kasumigaseki Country Club

## Xander Schauffele

### Quick Quotes



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#### **Q. Maybe just final thoughts about your opening round.**

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: Yeah, it was hot, sweaty. 3-under is okay score, it seems. It will probably be in, I don't know, maybe 15th at the end of the day ballpark, if I had to guess. So a few things to clean up and Sepp put a nice number up there for us to chase.

#### **Q. Impressions of the course so far?**

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: I'm staying 20 minutes away and I felt that storm coming in, our hotel actually lost all power, so AC went out last night, which was a nice feeling. But, yeah, with all that said, the course is in really nice shape, it took the rain really well. The greens were faster and honestly firmer than I thought. They're still very soft but certain areas are kind of some wedges were skipping a little bit more than I think everyone in my group anticipated. So the course is in immaculate shape and it's definitely there for scoring.

#### **Q. What time did the power go out last night?**

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: An emergency light came on, we had to unscrew a light bulb or sleep with the lights on. My caddie slept with the lights on in his hotel room. I don't know. It was out for probably five hours.

#### **Q. You played in events without fans before, does it feel different though this morning because of the circumstances?**

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: A little bit, I think. Everyone's -- everyone's -- besides matching three other guys out here, uniform-wise, I think everyone's understanding that they're representing their country and when you're announced on the first tee that's kind of unique. Standing in a line there and being announced in that style and fashion, it's kind of cool and kind of different and it kind of makes sense for this tournament.

