**2022 U.S. Junior Amateur Championship**

**Tuesday, July 26, Second Round, Stroke Play,**

**Bandon Dunes Golf Resort (Bandon Dunes course & Bandon Trails course)**

**Keaton Vo, Austin, Texas – (69-65—134, 9-under)**

(on his thoughts tying the course record 65)

“It was a great round. It wasn’t perfect golf. I knew that I didn’t really need to be perfect. My goal was just to try and get a good seed coming into match play. But I hit the ball much better than I did yesterday. I missed in the right spots and converted my putts, so it was a really fun round all around.”

(on whether he knew he was close to the course record coming down the stretch)

“I didn’t really have a set score coming into today or put one out there as the round went on. I just tried to hit good shots, good tee balls and then feed myself with birdie opportunities. I didn’t realize the course record was in reach. I was just trying to play good golf.”

(on the birdie stretch on his first-9)

“I put myself in the fairway and gave myself an opportunity to make birdies and made a couple big putts coming down. Other ones were also tap-in birdies so there was a different array of birdies.”

(on taking advantage of the par 3’s today – 3 birdies)

“[The par 3’s] are definitely more gettable. There was a good wind today. All of them were playing downwind. In the practice round we were hitting like 4-irons into these greens and today we had short irons and wedges. My numbers were good today. I left myself with good putts and converted on the par 3’s.”

(on his eagle on hole 18)

“I was pin-high but it was on top of the hill, so it was about 30 feet. I was contemplating chipping or putting. Putting - there was no way I was going to hold the green, it was just running straight downhill, and chipping - I might hold the green, but I went with the putter because I was putting well. [The putt] came out better than I thought and hit the flagstick and dropped in.”

(on other key putts from the round)

“I had a couple good par putts to start my round, around eight feet. That kind of got [the round] going.”

(on his experience with match play)

“I really enjoy match play. You don’t have to play perfect golf. I tend to keep it in the fairway and keep the pressure going throughout the round, so I’m really excited. I feel like this course suits me very well. I’m excited to keep the week going.”

(on his thoughts playing links golf)

“I have not played much links golf but when I get the chance to, I really enjoy it. Like I said, it suits my game really well. I’m from Texas and we get a lot of low balls and we know how to flight the ball well so it suits my game. If I can just keep the putter rolling this week, I should be in a good spot.”