



**First-Round Transcripts | AdventHealth Championship
Thursday, May 19, 2022**

MJ DAFFUE (-7, T1)

City Plays From: Pretoria, South Africa | Turned Pro: 2012 | College: Lamar University
Exempt Status: Finishers 4-5 on 2021 Forme Tour Order of Merit or 2020-21 PGA TOUR Latinoamerica
Order of Merit / Finishers 76-100 in 2020-21 Regular Season Standings / Additional Qualifying
Tournament Finishers (thru 2022)

On what was working best today during his bogey-free opening round

I mean pretty much everything. I drove the ball really well. I have a great game plan for this golf course. The greens are super good. Taking the momentum from last week, the way I putted the last few rounds, and then trying to do the same stuff. I have the same swing thoughts, the same feels. I got lucky once or twice. I hit one or two trees and it bounced me back in the fairway, but tomorrow it may bounce the other way. It just cancels out throughout the season and I'm just trying to be really grateful for being healthy and having a great family and great supporters and sponsors. I think my mind of gratitude is putting me in a good position to perform.

On his 2022 season only missing one cut this year on the Korn Ferry Tour

I've been playing pretty good the last few years and like I said before, I just needed to be able to have a season and schedule. I'm just so grateful that I've only missed one cut, and I missed it by a shot too. I'm figuring it out as far as I go and just trusting in my ability to put the ball in the hole and it doesn't matter what I bring to the course.

On the course conditions after Wednesday morning's thunderstorm

The course is playing soft. It didn't affect the greens. The greens are still perfect. Rough is sticky, but my game plan is trying to push it up as far as I can and play from there. I'm driving the ball really well. I've been pushing it up and hitting it straight. It's a good combination. For me, like I said before and last week too, just trying to stay patient. There are so many good opportunities when you are swinging it well and when you are playing well.

MICHAEL FEAGLES (-7, T1)

City Plays From: Scottsdale, Arizona | Turned Pro: 2021 | College: Illinois
Exempt Status: Qualifying Tournament Finishers 2-10 and Ties (thru 2022)

On carding a 7-under 65 in the first round

I kept it in play all day which is nice. I only missed maybe two or three fairways and that's pretty much the key out here. If you can keep it in the fairway with ball in hand and give yourself some opportunities to fire at some flags, you can shoot a decent number. But if you get going sideways, it can be really tough out here. So I kept it in the short grass and made a bunch of putts.

On his mentality entering the second round

I've kind of struggled this year. That's not any kind of secret. So last week shooting 64 in the first round was really nice because it gave me a lot of confidence. When I get going, I can keep going. So to be able to do that and then back it up again this week – I built a lot of momentum last Sunday even though the two days in between didn't go the way I would've liked. The 66 on Sunday last week kind of propelled me to this week and I feel like my game's honestly trending in the right direction. Here you're always just like one really good round away from getting on a hot streak. I feel like the rest of the week I've just got to keep doing what I did today and stay comfortable and hit fairways and make putts.

On eagling the par-5 No. 1 to start the day

It's always great to start with an eagle. To be 2-under through one is just a bonus, but this place, you've got to stay so patient out here. For me, it was, okay made eagle but the attention turned towards literally getting the ball in the fairway on two. So you've got to stay patient and even after eagling the first hole, I ended up doing that and it ended up being a good day in total.