



**Second-Round Transcripts | AdventHealth Championship
Friday, May 20, 2022**

KEVIN ROY (-12, solo leader)

City Plays From: Concord, North Carolina | Turned Pro: 2015 | College: Virginia Tech
Exempt Status: Past Champion 3-4 Years (thru 2022)

On having the 36-hole solo lead

It feels good. Today was kind of a blur. A lot of good and then kind of scrambled there on the backside there the last few holes. It's nice to be back in contention for the first time in awhile. Hopefully keep it going the next few rounds.

On starting hot on the first few holes on each nine

Like I said, both starts to the nine were kind of a blur. I just kept making putts on the back. I wasn't hitting it super close. The start, I just hit two really good shots into No. 1 and then made a 20-footer to get the day started. That's always nice. Then had a tap-in on two and made a bomb on three. It kind of settled the nerves a little bit.

On his mindset having the outright lead for the first time since 2018

I've just got to take it one hole at a time. Even today, I kind of started to think back to those times. I didn't realize that was the last time I was in the lead but that's nice to know. I just had a motto that week, especially on the weekend - it was one hole, one step, one breath at a time. So just trying to taking it shot for shot and hit a lot of fairways and a lot of greens. This is a ball strikers golf course so it suits me well. I've just got to keep the putter hot.

On being a fan of the Boston Celtics and their playoff game last night

Luckily it was kind of a blowout, so it was nice to get it back to one-one going back to Boston. I'm sure I'm going to get a lot of heat for that, no pun intended.

KEVIN ROY (-9, T3)

City Plays From: Tampa, Florida | Turned Pro: 2012 | College: Long Beach State University
Exempt Status: Top 75 in 2020-21 Regular Season Standings (thru 2022)

On his birdie-birdie-eagle-birdie stretch on Nos. 16, 17, 18 and 1

That was a pretty cool stretch for sure. Knocked it close really on all three of them. Ten footer on 16. Ten feet, 12 feet on 17. Hit a 4-iron to about five feet on 18. So it was a really fun stretch for sure.

On entering the weekend near the top of the leaderboard

It feels awesome, really. It's been a tough couple months. I haven't been playing too good but with my wife, my parents, brother and sister, they've all been super encouraging and I really haven't thought I've been playing that bad but it's nice to see it all come together.

On what he feels he was doing well Friday

My short game, as I told my caddie, has been pretty impeccable this week so far. I've gotten up and down pretty much every time I've needed to. The putter's working right now and I'm just leaving myself in position where I can get up and down if I'm off line off the tee. Just sticking to the game plan and plotting myself around the scores. It's pretty tough, especially with the wind out here.

On his dad qualifying for the U.S. Senior Open

He shot a 66 in his Senior Open qualifier and was a medalist, so that gave me some motivation to play this week for sure. Super jacked up for him. He didn't even tell us he was playing in it so when we got the call, it was super cool for sure.

On his dad not telling him about playing in the qualifier

No, he didn't tell anyone in our family. he hasn't really been playing competitively lately. He's been teaching a bunch up in Syracuse. They live in Florida as well. I called him during the pro-am to tell him my driver cracked and he was like, 'yeah, I just shot 66 in the qualifier and I'm leaving.' I was like, 'okay, that's pretty cool.' Usually he'll let us know if he's trying to qualify but he kind of kept this one under the radar a little bit and he played incredible golf.