



## Second-Round Transcripts | Huntsville Championship | Friday, April 29, 2022

### **Erik Barnes (-11, Leader)**

City Plays From: Marion, Indiana | Turned Pro: 2011 | College: Austin Peay State University  
Exempt Status: Top 75 on 2020-21 Regular Season Points List (thru 2022)

#### *On holding the outright 36-hole lead...*

"I feel good. Obviously a little frustrated with bogeying the last hole there. I hit a good tee shot, just went too far. I feel good, putting's been good all week. I don't feel great tee to green, but once I get on the green, I feel great. Hopefully I can clean that up a little bit the next two days and make it a little easier on myself."

#### *On if he did anything different Friday on par 3s (one birdie Thursday, three birdies Friday)...*

"I knocked some putts in. I hit a great shot there on No. 11, like 10 feet under the hole. But, no, nothing different. I just knocked the putts in."

#### *On consistency this season...*

"I feel like I'm doing everything pretty well. This week, putting has been really great, but I'm not doing anything really exceptional but I'm not doing anything poorly. I've been managing my game well. I think I told you guys this a few weeks ago in Savannah, I've kind of been taking this mindset that I don't feel like I'm playing that well. To be honest, the swing doesn't feel that great. Even though it may look okay and I'm getting it around, it forces me to be a little bit more cautious and a little bit more patient. Because I've been, I would call it, a little less aggressive, I've kept myself from making too many big mistakes."

#### *On making the cut in all 10 events this season...*

"To be honest with you, this is the one I was worried about. I did not play very well on this golf course last year. The way I kind of felt coming into the week about my golf swing made me a little nervous, but I guess that goes back to the question we just talked about. It feels great to make another cut, to be in contention and be able to put myself in this position hopefully after tomorrow."

#### *On being close to earning his PGA TOUR card...*

"Last year, I was really close coming down the stretch. I think I was 26th or 27th with two or three events left to go. It would mean everything. It's a lifestyle change. Not necessarily that we would change our lifestyle, but the opportunity changes immensely. Just to be able to have that to provide for my family would be incredible."

#### *What is more important between this tournament and his son's little league playoff game...*

"Well, today, little league is more important because they're in the championship game. After today, I would say dad's sport."

#### *On encouraging the Huntsville community to come to the tournament...*

"I mean, just look at history. Every year, guys come off this Tour and they win the next year. Look at Scottie Scheffler. You might see the next Scottie Scheffler out here. I mean, why wouldn't you come out and watch? You've got the (Rocket City) Trash Pandas, that's an awesome team name. Tomorrow's going to be a fun day, and so is Sunday. Hopefully people can come out and watch some good golf."



*On how he is getting ready for the third round...*

"I might go hit a few balls. See if I can feel a little better. But a whole lot of nothing. I'm going to watch some videos that my wife sends me of my son's little league game tonight. Hopefully he has a game like he had the last two. Grab some dinner and hang out."

### **Harrison Endycott (-10, 2nd)**

City Plays From: Sydney, Australia | Turned Pro: 2017

Exempt Status: Additional Qualifying Tournament Finishers (thru 2022)

#### *On sitting at 10-under after two rounds...*

"I've played solid over the last two days. Today was tricky with the wind. I pretty much didn't do anything different from yesterday, it was just a lot harder to get it close. I was putting well, but just wasn't really making anything. Made a nice putt on the last and just trying to keep it going over the weekend."

#### *On the course playing more difficult today...*

"I think it was just warmer. The guys on the other side got a little bit cooler weather yesterday, but it did blow again today. It was really tricky to get your distance control right. I came up short a lot today, but they weren't bad shots. It was just really tricky to get back in there because there were a few times you just couldn't go long. I was pretty happy the way I played, so looking forward to the next couple of days and we'll just keep pressing forward."

#### *On playing in this event last year benefitting him this year...*

"Definitely patience. Here it's just patience. You don't have a lot of guaranteed birdies out here. You've got to earn every birdie and I've been fortunate enough to make quite a few outside 20-footers. You just kind of rely on that a little bit. When you start putting pressure on your iron play and hitting it close, that's when unforced errors happen around here, especially with today's wind. That wind's picking up a lot too, and these back pins, they're very, very tricky to get at. It's all about patience out here and we can try doing that over the weekend and should be good."

#### *On how he feels heading into the weekend...*

"Feeling good. Really, really happy with my game. I'm striking the ball really well. Just a couple little alignment things. I'm about to go down to the range and do a little bit of that. Later in the round, I have a tendency to aim right a little bit and I've noticed it like that today as the wind picked up. Other than that, I feel very comfortable. I feel very free out there and it's a golf course you need to be free on. It's a nice spot to be. Just going to try to trust it and do the best I can over the weekend."

#### *On what a high finish could mean to him...*

"It's an obvious one, but I've been playing quite solid this year. I just haven't had quite the results I've been after. Just been getting a few bad breaks in areas of the round where it shifts momentum. Literally, I feel like I've played exactly the same like these last two days over the whole year. I've just been able to make birdies to keep momentum moving and making a par putt when I need to keep it rather than losing a shot. This week, I've just managed to do a better job of that. It's just a grind. It's freaking hard. It's hard. Other than that, it feels really close, so hopefully we just try and go do it over the weekend and do the best we can."

#### *On his birdie on No. 9 today...*

"Yeah, that was nice. I think the closest birdie putt I had on the front nine today was 15 feet. I just was not hitting it close at all and to make, what was that, like a 40-footer or something or around there? To make that definitely felt really good. It just tidies up the round too so it's always a nice feeling."

#### *On the fans at the tournament this week...*

"They're great. I love coming here. I remember last year, you get a few cocktails into a few of the locals and they get rowdy and it's a bit of fun. They've been really good. People here are very, very kind and generous. After last year, I was always looking forward to coming back for that reason."

### **Quade Cummins (-8, 3rd)**

City Plays From: Weatherford, Oklahoma | Turned Pro: 2021 | College: University of Oklahoma  
Exempt Status: Additional Qualifying Tournament Finishers (thru 2022)

#### *On his 6-under 64 in the second round...*

"Oddly enough, I didn't feel that good over the ball today. I got really lucky starting off my round. I kind of let one go to the right on my drive on No. 1 and luckily enough, I found a gap and made a 20-footer for birdie which was a bonus after that drive. From there on, it was pretty steady. Really no stress coming in. Made a couple par putts and that was about it. The birdies, I hit a lot of approach shots inside 8, 9 feet. They were going in today, which is always fun. Hopefully I can keep it up going into the weekend."

#### *On his rookie Korn Ferry Tour campaign this season...*

"I made it to Korn Ferry (Tour Qualifying Tournament) Final Stage last year through PGA TOUR (University). Didn't play very good going into Final (Stage) and I didn't really know what my plan was for the year. Go to a few Mondays and luckily enough, I played really well that first Monday I got through. I think I finished T15 in Panama and it got enough points for me to get some starts throughout. I didn't get into all of them after that but it definitely feels good being out here when I didn't really know what was going on in January and February."

#### *On how PGA TOUR University prepared him to play professionally...*

"I wasn't really planning on PGA TOUR U being for my class. I think they came out with it and then COVID happened and then everybody kind of stayed, waiting on PGA TOUR U. I think it's benefitted everybody that's got that top 15 for the first class. There are a lot of guys out here that were in that top 15 that weren't automatically on the Korn Ferry Tour. You see all of them out here, and I think it benefits us in a great way and gets us out here. You don't have to try to go Monday every single week or try to get an exemption. It gives you a place to play and I think it's great. I can't wait for a few more of my buddies to come out in this class coming up."

#### *On the level of competition on the Korn Ferry Tour...*

"What I've noticed throughout the tournaments I've played in is college tournaments, you can kind of get away shooting 1- or 2-under. Out here, it's usually a birdie fest. This week, I'd say it's pretty challenging off the tee, and the greens are probably the fastest greens we've played all year and there are severe slopes. It's a challenge out here, but you've got to get accustomed to making a lot of birdies in your rounds and if you don't, you're going to get lapped by the field, which I've been through a few times. It feels really good to make quite a bit of birdies today and I think I made three yesterday, so it's been fun."

#### *On his caddie this week...*

"I have Brian Fitch. He's been on the bag. Lake Charles was his first tournament. He has great experience. He's been on the PGA TOUR I think for three or four seasons, and he took two guys to the PGA TOUR, which gives me confidence that either he sees something in me or he knows how to get it done. It's been great. We haven't played our best yet. Hopefully we'll keep it going into the weekend."

#### *On what sticks out about The Ledges...*

"I had no idea that Alabama had terrain like this. Coming up on Monday, seeing the golf course for the first time and seeing that almost every hole has a drop-off on one side – most of the holes, it's on the left side. I hit a cut, so sometimes I have to start it off over the cliff and it can get pretty nerve-wracking. The last two days, it's been pretty peaceful out there and can't do anything about a bad shot. Luckily enough, most of the cliffs are hazards so it's not too severe if you do hit one over there. But it is a very cool golf course. Great views on almost every hole so it's been fun."



*On the fans at the tournament...*

“We had a few people out there today. It was more people coming out on No. 17, sitting in the stands on No. 9, but it seems like the community wraps itself around this tournament. A lot of buzz going on the course and around the clubhouse. The weekend should be fun.”