

## First-Round Transcripts | FINAL STAGE | Friday, November 4, 2022

### **Alan Wagner (-8, Leader)**

City Plays From: Olavarria, Argentina | Turned Pro: 2007

#### *On highlights of his round...*

"I felt really, really good today. It's not easy to start Q-School. Too many nerves sometimes. But I played really solid. It was a bogey-free round – eight birdies, no bogeys. Pretty steady. I putted really, really good. Very happy with this beginning."

#### *On being at Final Stage before...*

"Yes, only one time. It was 2019. I didn't play well. Here is the revenge."

#### *On how he would summarize his professional golf journey to this point...*

"It is a huge journey. I turned pro when I was 18. Fifteen years, doing this all over the world, hopefully I can finish well this week and finally get my Korn Ferry (Tour) status. Everything would be easy that way."

#### *On what's kept him motivated through the years...*

"I love the game, man. Even when I was playing bad, which was three or four years, I love the game. I love to compete. I love to improve myself every day and try to do my best."

#### *On whether he is close with Tano Goya...*

"We are really, really good friends. We were roommates (in Jacksonville, Florida). Hope to see him soon."

#### *On watching Tano get his first PGA TOUR card this fall...*

"It was unbelievable. I know how hard he works for this. If there is one person in the world that deserve that, it's Tano. Very happy for him. And it's also an example for me. I will try to do the same. I see the whole process, and then it works, so in my head, I know what I have to do. So I will do it."

#### *On his eagle at No. 15...*

"I hit a great driver, middle of the fairway. It was 188 (yards) to the pin. I hit a 8-iron, a really good one because the ball was in a divot. I ended up 6 feet from the hole, and then a good putt. Great eagle."

#### *On how many times he's tried Q-School...*

"The first time I tried this Q-School was back in 2007, when it was for the PGA TOUR. I've tried at least 10 or 12 times. I also tried a few in Europe. It's been a crazy journey."

#### *On finishing top 10 on PGA TOUR Latinoamérica's Totalplay Cup for an exemption to Final Stage...*

"It was a huge prize for me to end up directly here. Now I have to do my work here and, hopefully, be playing here next year."

#### *On PGA TOUR Latinoamérica preparing him for this...*

"It's great preparation. Half of the field down there is Americans and Canadians. Fields are strong. If you finish top 10 on that tour for the season, it means you are a good player. It's a great preparation for this."

## **Tim Widing (-6, T2)**

City Plays From: Jonkoping, Sweden | Turned Pro: 2021 | College: University of San Francisco

### *On his round...*

"It was a little nerve racking to start, this is my first time here at Finals. I got off to a good start, birdie (at the) the first hole kind of helps. I've started to feel pretty good with the putter lately so it gave my confidence hitting a lot of greens and giving myself chances. It's always fun having my brother on the bag too. I flew him in from Sweden so I haven't seen him that much lately, so that kept me calm as well. It was a good start and I'm looking forward to the next round tomorrow."

### *On when he last saw his family before this week...*

"I saw him this past summer in early September. Usually I don't see him but once or twice a year. It's always nice. My mom was here too so that was fun."

### *On if his brother is a golfer...*

"He plays a little bit but he plays table tennis, ping-pong. He's doing really good in that but he had an off week so he was able to help me out."

### *On if he'll continue caddying for him after Final Stage...*

"Probably not, but that would be nice. When he's off I always enjoy seeing him and having him here, like I said before, just having that comfort and we can talk about everything that's going on back home and keep me off the golf a little bit so I don't think about every shot all the time."

### *On playing Magnolia tomorrow...*

"I had some pretty solid practice rounds and got to know the course a lot. I actually played [Magnolia] more than [Marshwood] because the greens are a little trickier. It fits my game pretty good and I'm looking forward to the challenge."

### *On his Qualifying School experience this year...*

"I played [Q-School] last year and I just missed it at Second Stage. It gave me some revenge and a little extra fire to make it through this year. I played First Stage in Florida and then Second Stage at Bear Creek, California. First stage I was on the border, I shot a 4-under the last round to make it by three (shots). At Bear Creek I was 14-under and I think the cut was 6-under so that was more smooth sailing. I'm feeling confident so it's been a lot of fun so far."

### *On playing PGA TOUR Latinoamérica...*

"I said that if I can travel in South America I can go anywhere. You grow up very quickly playing on (PGA TOUR Latinoamérica), it was a great learning experience. It was the first Tour that I was on as a professional and traveling in South America, I don't know much Spanish either, but I really enjoyed it. I got into a few circumstances and things that happened that I can look back on in the future. It's definitely a good learning experience and something I've learned from."

### *On his preparation for Final Stage...*

"After Second Stage my fiancé and I just moved into a new apartment so I just took three, four days off just moving everything in and been practicing a lot lately. It was nice to not think about that and just



help her and decorate it. She just tells me what to do. I practiced the last week and been playing a lot of golf. I'm trying to not get stuck in the technical too much and just go out and play and really feel it. Just relaxing and playing a lot of golf."

*On being back at Final Stage...*

"The last hole of Second Stage I made a bogey but I knew I made it through. It was just a relief. I put my hands up in the air and was crying. I was so sad last year from missing it and it's something you work on the whole year and then when you finally make it through it's such a big relief. That five hour drive home felt pretty good. It's a relief and I'm just happy to be here. I'm playing good so I'm just going to enjoy it and play the best I can."



## **Daniel Summerhays (-6, T2)**

City Plays From: Kaysville, Utah | Turned Pro: 2007 | College: Brigham Young University

### *On his round...*

"It was great to honestly play with no wind and perfect greens. On the front nine I was able to make a few good saves, on No. 3 then had a nice birdie putt on No. 5. I started slow but because it was perfect conditions I was able to hang in there then played really beautiful golf on the back nine."

### *On playing Magnolia tomorrow...*

"I'm just going to try and have fun with those greens out there, honestly. They are challenging but they remind me a lot of some of the slopes and things that you see overseas in Scotland and Ireland, places like that. You just try to embrace it and try to challenge the pins that you can. I've already looked at the hole locations and there are definitely some that you know where to hit it and try to two putt."

### *On his journey back to Q-School...*

"I actually volunteered as an assist coach for the BYU Men's Golf team last spring when I had limited status. I did get into Bogota but missed the cut and then I got into, or I would have gotten into Kansas City and Maine but it was Wednesday afternoon. So I played Utah, got a Sponsor Invite there, but I just love being around the game. I loved being around the BYU guys. Teaching them and mentoring them I'm like 'Man, I want to try some of these things I've learned.' This is my 16th season of professional golf and I just wanted to put that into practice and play myself a little bit more. I tried to retire in 2020 and now I think I'm semi-pro, semi-retired. I honestly don't know what it holds but I wanted to play Q-School and I wanted to play some tournaments and practice. It's been really fun. I still really enjoy hitting balls and sitting on the putting green for two, three hours even it's by myself. That's a pretty good sign that you're doing the right thing."

### *On if Q-School is a gauge for his decision to resume full-time professional golf...*

"Yeah will I end up playing myself or will it be coaching and mentoring golf? I love being around the college age kids to be honest. I love being around my own kids. My oldest son Jack is 14 and he's a 0-handicap already. I just love being around the game whether it's playing or helping someone else on their journey. That's kind of where I'm at. Honestly, I don't know. I don't know what next year [holds], but I'm going into this tournament as if I want to be playing and traveling a bunch. You know you picture your son out caddying for you and traveling with you, there's just so many things that could happen. Or you could be at home and helping them so I'm in a perfect place right now in my life to just enjoy it."