



**Lake Charles Championship
First-Round Transcripts | Thursday, March 24, 2022**

Will Gordon (-6, Solo Leader)

City Plays From: Davidson, North Carolina | Turned Pro: 2019 | College: Vanderbilt University
Exempt Status: Qualifying Tournament Finishers 11-40 and Ties (thru 2022)

On the bogey-free 6-under 65...

"I hit it better off the tee today than I have been lately. My iron game has been good, so I knew if I could get it in play off the tee, I'd have some good opportunities. Made a lot of putts. It was good.

On how he likes the course and atmosphere of the inaugural event...

"It's great. The golf course is really good. With the wind today, it played how it's supposed to. It was fun to get into every shot. It was hard to get super comfortable today out there with the wind, but it was a good day."

On how he stayed comfortable with the wind like it was today...

"I don't necessarily think I stayed too comfortable, but it helps you stay in the moment every shot. You have to be on your game every shot with the wind the way it was. I think that helped me get into a better mentality today."

On whether there were any standout shots from his round...

"A couple chips I had on the shorter par 4s, and I drove the green on the first hole, which was an easy way to get the day started."

On whether his career is where he thought it would be at the moment...

"It's been a little bit of a rollercoaster. Getting PGA TOUR status for a year and a half, being back here, but I feel like I'm right where I'm supposed to be, and I've just got to embrace where I am. I'm enjoying it right now."

On whether there's anything he can draw on from his PGA TOUR experience to help him here...

"For sure. You just learn how to be a better professional and do a better job. I think the hardest part is staying in the moment and learning how to maximize the shot you've got in front of you. I'm doing a better job of that."

On having the 18-hole lead...

"It's not a very big deal to me. There's so much golf left, just continue to play my game and see where we are late Sunday."

On whether he likes the late-early tee time draw...

"If the conditions are similar, I think it's a little bit easier just because you can keep it rolling, and there is not a big gap. But it is what it is. You get so many of both. You've just got to roll it in."

On the difference when it comes to scoring on the front nine versus the back nine...

"The front nine has got a couple par 5s, a couple drivable par 4s. The first hole I was able to drive the green and get a two-putt birdie. All my birdies on the front nine were inside 5 feet, and that's just because of par 5s and some short par 4s you can take advantage of."



On avoiding bogey at the 18th...

"It was good. I'm trying to teach myself it has the same value as the first hole. I was just trying to play golf."

On whether having PGA TOUR experience motivates him to get back there...

"I'm just trying to enjoy where I am, but when you know what it's like out there, it's so different. I'm just trying to better myself right now and see where I am at the end of the year."