

**Second-Round Transcripts | NV5 Invitational presented by Old National Bank
Friday, May 27, 2022**

CHRISTOPHER PETEFISH (-11, Leader)

City Plays From: Cumming, Georgia | Turned Pro: 2018 | College: Georgia Tech

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 having the 36-hole lead

It's just two days, so it doesn't mean too much. Just happy with the way I played. Hit it pretty well out there, gave myself a lot of looks. Just keep playing like that and I'll be in pretty good shape this weekend. But yeah, it's just two days.

On what was working for him

I think everything was pretty solid. I didn't have any real weaknesses in the game. I drove it somewhat well. My irons and my putting dictate most of my rounds, so those were pretty good the last two days.

On playing in the afternoon and missing the morning weather

I definitely got the better end of the wave there. It was pretty obvious. It got sunny towards the end and was pretty miserable in the morning. Sometimes you just have to get lucky and I took advantage of the break.

On his season up to this point

I didn't have great conditional (status). I finished like 90th in Q-school and figured I was only going to get a couple starts this year, maybe five or six during the summer. I got a sponsor exemption into Huntsville, it gave me a little bit of confidence. I made the cut, didn't finish great there. It would've given me enough points to reshuffle a little bit into some of these events. Then I Monday'd into Knoxville which was really big for me because I ended up finishing top-25 that week. And then 30th last week. Honestly, I wasn't even getting into tournaments a month ago. The season's kind of changed a lot. It's been kind of wild.

On the grind to get into tournaments without status

Those (Monday qualifiers) are really hard events. You have to go out there and shoot 6-, 8-, 10-under par to have a hope. Then you're kind of behind the eight ball because you don't know the course and you show up on Tuesday. You just have to have belief in yourself and keep grinding and know that eventually I'm going to have a break and take advantage of it. There's a lot of great players out there so just thankful to be in tournaments at this point.

On what he thinks is a great skill of his

I think my mental game is probably my best. I just know how to grind really well, even when I don't have my best stuff. So the days where I hit it well and hit a lot of greens to 10 or 15 feet, those are the days like today that I take advantage of. Kind of a grinder.

On what he's thinking with the solo lead after not playing many events this season

I'm just happy and grateful to be playing. Just go into the weekend with those kind of expectations that it's going to be tough. Just thankful to be out here.

HARRY HALL (-10, T2)

City Plays From: Cornwall, England | Turned Pro: 2019 | College: University of Las Vegas-Nevada
Exempt Status: Tournament Winner (2021 Wichita Open Benefitting KU Wichita Pediatrics) – (thru 2022)

On today's weather in Chicago compared to England

Home's been in Vegas for the last seven years so I haven't been used to that. But definitely growing up, it taught me all the little tools I needed today.

On if cold and rainy weather affects players more mentally or physically

Physical. Hitting the shots in the wind and keeping dry. Allowing for the wind, whether it's down wind or against wind, just knowing how far that ball's going to go. I've got a new Callaway ball in the bag this week and it was great. I had a little bit more control, it's a more spinny ball. It was fantastic.

On being 10-under through two rounds

I'm hitting the driver good and reading the greens well.

On his season up to this point

I was going to take this week off until a friend of mine, Tom from Cornwall, said he'd caddie for me. He lives in Jacksonville and Tom's caddied for me a couple of times and I've done quite well. So it's great to have him on the bag and that's why I decided to play this week. Just grateful to be out here playing golf.

On trying to stay warm between shots

At the start of the week, I asked Mike on Callaway truck to get me some mittens. I just kept my hands warm. Mindset, really, was just stay dry. It rained a little bit out there and try to keep my feet out of the puddles and hit good shots.

On if he ever wished he was inside during his round today

No, I was actually enjoying it. I was. I think when you're playing good and your game's good, it doesn't matter what the weather's like. Just enjoying hitting shots and playing the game and having Tom on the bag was good company. No place I'd rather be.

NICK HARDY (-10, T2)

City Plays From: Northbrook, Illinois | Turned Pro: 2018 | College: University of Illinois
Exempt Status: PGA TOUR: Top 50 from 2020-21 Korn Ferry Tour (thru 2021-22)

On being 10-under through two rounds

It's great, right where I want to be. Hopefully it holds to get to the final group tomorrow. If not, it's okay. That was my goal. Just get myself near the end of the line tomorrow and right at the top of the board.

On having family and friends follow him throughout the round

It's cool. It's just fun to play, man. It's fun to have the supporters and people I grew up knowing and people that grew up supporting me. It's special.

On his 3-under card in the second round

Today specifically, I was just proud of the way I competed. I didn't have my best stuff but I putted well and I had a lot of great up and downs. That kept me in it for a nice round today. It wasn't easy. It seems like the wind's kind of dying right now and the sun's coming out, so you should have some birdies coming in.

On if he felt he had an edge playing in this weather after growing up in the area

For sure. I kind of just know how certain things are going to play out when you get certain winds. The golf course's around here can play so much differently from day to day. The winds off the lake will be extra, extra cold. It's definitely a big deal knowing how things are going to play out.

On time off with his family away from the course

I'm staying with my dad this week and we've just been watching a lot of hockey at night. Not a lot of golf talk really.

On his friend Patrick Flavin in the field and potentially making the cut

He's one of my favorites in my leaderboard, so of course he's my good bud and my best bud. I'm going to follow him and root for him too. It's special, for sure. He's been playing great golf and for the Western Golf (Association) to give him a spot this week is huge for him and he deserves it. For example, last night, we were just snapchatting stupid pictures of each other. We didn't talk about golf or anything. We both mutually understand that we have business to take care of but when we're off the course, we're not wanting to talk about it.

On if he played at The Glen Club growing up

I played a few Opens here. I played here a few different times but I played a lot of tournament golf here. Growing up, I probably played it at least a dozen times, maybe 20 times. My high school is like a mile down the road from here, so I grew up right next door. I've played here plenty of times.