

**Second-Round Transcripts | Pinnacle Bank Championship presented by Aetna | Friday, August 12, 2022**

**TAYLOR MONTGOMERY (-8, Co-Leader)**

City Plays From: Las Vegas, Nevada | Turned Pro: 2016 | College: University of Nevada – Las Vegas  
Exempt Status: Top 75 in 2020-21 Regular Season Standings

*On his putt on No. 18...*

"It was nice to get a long putt to go in. I've made two or three of them this week, but in front of the crowd was pretty cool."

*On being in contention...*

"It feels good, especially because I've hit some really bad shots this week so far- really bad putts, but inside 10 feet I've been really solid and I've also hit a lot of good shots as well."

*On what part of his game has felt the best this week...*

"I've played pretty smart. Even on my bad shots I've made a lot of pars and then when I did hit good shots I made quite a few birdies. I've rolled in a couple putts. It's been up and down that's for sure but I'm happy with where I stand after two rounds"

*On if the course played different today...*

"I thought the greens were a little slower early in the morning. In the afternoon they will get a little crusty and fast like they did yesterday."

*On looking forward to Sunday...*

"I think everybody inside the top-15, -16 that know that they are getting their card are ready for that beer at the end of the round."

*On allowing himself to enjoy the week...*

"During the week, off the golf course, I would say yes. Tournament wise if I hit a bad shot I'm still getting a little pissed, but I'm not really thinking about it while I'm on the golf course."

*On his memory from this tournament last year...*

"Disappointment, for sure. I feel bad for the guy that's going to finish No. 26, but hopefully he still has The Finals. No matter what, it's going to be happiness and heartbreak for some here, but that's how life and golf is."

*On how that made him stronger...*

"I just tried to get better. It was really my ball striking last year that held me back, because I putted better last year than I did this year for sure. It was amazing that I even had a chance at a PGA TOUR card in my opinion, with how bad my iron play was last year, but it's nice to not have to worry about it this year."

*On a story from high school...*

"No. 16, it's now called Chimera, they might have switched the nines. I haven't been out there in so long. He would always get pissed at me because I would tend to go for shots more than I should. It's a drivable hole. I hit driver and pumped it right out of bounds, [Coach Paul Desantis] was like 'Just lay up.' I

was near the lead or something and I was like 'hell no,' and then holed the next one for birdie. So I hit it out of bounds then holes the next one for a birdie. It'll be the best birdie I could ever have."

*On how he waited to get fit for irons...*

"I don't know. I thought they were perfect, I thought it was always me. It was a little bit with the iron heads and the shafts but I was like 'Screw it, I better go do something, I just need something else.' It worked."

*On if the reps knew...*

"Scott was the one who pointed it out. I think it was the ball and the shaft combination together. I switched golf balls as well during this year. I was just spinning it in the Bahamas and then the ball was spinning so much I kept hitting it in the ocean and that's how I shot 84."

*On how it feels to start the season with an 84 to where he is today...*

"It means I improved a lot."

*On his take of there being 22 different winners this season...*

"I just think it's hard to win out here, especially towards the final group. I've put some pretty good rounds together on Sunday and if you aren't making birdies out here, not making 10-15 footers you're just getting lapped. There's just so many good players in the world now. You watch it on the PGA TOUR now, they chip in, make 20-30 footers and their hitting it good. It's just hard to win and it's hard to do that for four days."

*On Justin Lower shouting him out last year...*

"Justin [Lower] is a great dude. I've been around him the last two years and then not this year, because he was on the PGA [TOUR]. I've always liked him and always liked his game. His and my game is similar I would say. We're good around the greens, good putters. I'm not sure what he finished this year... I'll see him in Boise. He's a grinder like I am so I'm sure it won't hurt him at all."



**NELSON LEDESMA (-8, Co-Leader)**

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

Exempt Status: Tournament Winner (thru 2022)

*You've had two solid rounds this week, now you are solo leader. How do you feel entering the weekend?*

Yes, the truth is that I've been hitting the ball well for several weeks. It's a course I like, a long course where you must hit well. That gave me peace of mind. But the truth is that I have hit good shots and when I haven't I did a good job with approach and putt, so I'm happy.

*You have been playing very well with the irons. How do you feel about your game right now?*

I'm getting back to my game. My forte has always been iron play. I feel more and more comfortable, so I'm happy to be back at it.

*What's the game plan for the weekend?*

I hope to keep playing the same way. To keep playing the same way and try to stay focused on my game.

*What is your mentality knowing you are safe in your current position between the top 25 and 75 at the ranking but also wanting to fight for your PGA TOUR card?*

Winning is on my mind. It's the only thing that gives me a chance to make the top 25 so what I have in mind is to try and win.

**ADNREW YUN (-8, Co-Leader)**

City Plays From: Scottsdale, Arizona | Turned Pro: 2013 | College: Stanford University  
Exempt Status: Reordered With Points Finishers 2-10 & Ties Previous Years QT

*On his chip on No. 9...*

"It started off with the drive. I hit it over to the left and I barley found my ball, it was buried in there. I just tried to hack it out but I don't know exactly what it hit, if it hit the side of the bunker or what, but it ricochet back towards the fringe. I was thinking of trying to make the most of the opportunity so I was deciding between putting it or chipping it. There was too much fringe to go through, so I decided to chip it. I hit a great chip there and it went in so that was a good way to finish it."

*On how far the chip was...*

"It was probably 50 feet."

*On any other highlights in his round...*

"I had a couple good breaks today. There was one on the par-3, the fifth hole, I almost shanked it. It was going right of the cart path and it was going to go in those pine trees that hang all the way down to the ground. It hit a branch then ricochet onto the cart path. It ricochets onto the left side of the cart path where I got relief on the grass instead of into the trees. I took relief there and hit a great flop to about six feet and made that putt for par. Hitting that tee shot looked like a double the whole way, so to make par out of there was great. I had a few lucky breaks like that and I took advantage of that. It was a good round."

*On his luck in today's round...*

"Golf just seems to even itself out. Sometimes you have bad breaks and some days you have good breaks and today was one of those days where I had a lot of good breaks."

*On holding a share of the lead...*

"There's still a lot of golf to be played and obviously I can't ask for a better position to be in so I'm super excited about that. I'm stoked to play these next 36 holes. I feel like my game is in good shape and I love it here in Omaha. I have a great host that I'm with, so just overall a great vibe."

*On his recent good finishes this season...*

"My wife speaks the truth and sometimes it's hard to hear but afterwards it's all really good stuff. She told me that I need to work on my wedges and that I'm playing well but wasting a lot of opportunities by not hitting wedges on the green, not only not close to the pin but not even on the green. I worked hard on [my wedges] earlier this week and I think it's paying off. I also talked to my sports psychologist and we've come up with a mantra of 'I've worked hard for this.' Sometimes you try to play perfect golf and when you try to play perfect golf or try to avoid mistakes you actually make more mistakes. I've tried to just let it go. [My sports psychology] gave me the mantra of 'DGAF,' for Don't Give A... you can kind of fill in that last one there."

*On if his wife is a golfer...*

"She played on the ESPON Tour, that's how we met."



*On if she'll be out here this week...*

"Probably not. We have two little boys, two and one years old and they're a handful. She's taking care of them but maybe if I'm in the lead or have a 5-shot lead she'll make a surprise trip out."

*On how he waited to get fit for irons...*

"I don't know. I thought they were perfect, I thought it was always me. It was a little bit with the iron heads and the shafts but I was like 'Screw it, I better go do something, I just need something else.' It worked."

*On his position this week...*

"Usually while we're out playing on the course you're not thinking about it too much and if you are, you try to push it aside and just focus on the shot at hand. You might think about it between the rounds but I have a routine where I eat, maybe some stretching and keep your mind away from that. It helps to have a family because I can talk to my boys and my wife and they help me keep my mind off of it."

*On what this week means...*

"This is the finish line. This is the fourth quarter. At the same time, over the course of the season every tournament seems to matter the same but at the same time it doesn't, right? You always remember that fourth quarter, it's like that I would say. To put it in golf terms this is the last tournament of the Regular Season and it's make or break for a lot of guys where they can secure their PGA TOUR card for next season or even their Korn Ferry Tour card for next season. It's a high stress situation."