



**Second-Round Transcripts | Price Cutter Charity Championship presented by LRS
Friday, July 22, 2022**

DAVID KOCHER (-15, Leader)

City Plays From: Charlotte, North Carolina | Turned Pro: 2018 | College: University of Maryland
Exempt Status: Tournament Winner (thru 2022)

On his second-round 6-under 66

It was just a good round overall. I got up to 3-under through five, birdied three in a row. Then just kind of kept it going. I birdied nine and then ended up bogeying 17 but picked up another birdie on 18. I was pretty happy with my round. I hit a lot of really good shots, putted well again so that's all I can ask for.

On the three-hole birdie stretch

On three, I hit a good wedge in there and made a 15-, 20-footer. Then on four, I hit a really good shot in there. That's a tough hole, a long par 3. I made a 20-, 25-footer again, and then made a 10-, 12-footer on five. A lot of really good quality shots out there today and hope to keep it going this weekend.

On his putter

Putter stayed hot on the front nine for sure. I made a few good putts early on the back nine but I had a lot of longer shots coming in on the back. I'm going to go work on my speed a little bit and hopefully it can keep working out.

On the biggest difference this year compared to his 2020-21 rookie season

I'd have to say keeping my energy under control. It's a long season and I played, I think, 10 out of 11 weeks or something like that. Just trying to stay fresh at the start of each week and just taking it easy after rounds. I think last year, and the year before that, I was trying to force a little too hard. So only playing a certain number of holes before the week starts and trying to keep my energy at good levels all week.

On his plans for the afternoon

I'm going to take a nap. I woke up early and it's hot out here. I think the Derek Jeter documentary is on so I'm going to watch that and take a couple-hour nap.

On anything in his game he wants to work on

I think just hitting quality shots. Making good, committed swings to the targets and good speed control on the greens. I think that's been my key so far this week so I'm going to keep working on it throughout the weekend.

On conversations with his caddie being at the top of the leaderboard

I felt refreshed. I just told him, 'let's go play good golf'. If I play good golf, then it's all going to take care of itself. I think that's just been my goal the last few weeks. I've been playing good golf, I just haven't been shooting good scores. It's been working out so far this week.

On the difference between playing golf with and without a good score

I've been hitting good shots into greens. I've been making some putts but missing some shorties. Just kind of cleaning up a few mistakes but I feel like my game's there and it's shown so far this week. I think I have a good recipe for this course and I'm going to go make good swings, and that's all I can do out there.

On if he looks at the leaderboard while playing

I'll keep looking at it throughout the day, but like I said, I've just been playing good golf. If I keep continuing to do that, then I don't think I need to look at leaderboards too much. I'm not going to force it. Just try to play my own game.



NICHOLAS ECHAVARRIA (-11, T5)

City Plays From: Medellin, Colombia | Turned Pro: 2017 | College: University of Arkansas
Exempt Status: Qualifying Tournament Finishers 11-40 and Ties (thru 2022)

On being 11-under through two rounds

Feeling really good. I'm feeling really good with my game. Hopefully we can keep doing what we're doing on the weekend and be close to the lead going into Sunday. Tomorrow's going to be a big day for me since I'm hitting the ball good. Keep making birdies out here. The course is playing pretty easy I feel like, no wind. If you have control over your ball, you can go real low.

On being close to The 25 with just two more tournaments remaining after this week

It's probably the best I've felt in a while. On the drive here from Springfield, Illinois, I was having a conversation with my caddie about if this year has been better in golf than the year I finished second in Latinoamérica, and we agreed that it is. It's been more consistent so just need to put the cherry on top of the ice cream and finish off these two and a half weeks that we have left and then the playoffs.

On what he tells himself when he plays as he's so close to finishing in The 25

There's never enough birdies out here. That's what you have to tell yourself, especially on a course with no wind. I was playing really good today and made two bad swings coming down and two bogeys at the end that costed me. But overall, do not be afraid to make more birdies.