

Second-Round Transcripts | REX Hospital Open | Friday, June 3, 2022

Davis Thompson (-12, Leader)

City Plays From: St. Simons Island, Georgia | Turned Pro: 2021 | College: University of Georgia

On his second round...

"I hit a lot of good, solid shots to start the day, couldn't get any putts to fall but then I hit a nice shot on No. 16 and that kick started the round. I hit a lot of greens today which was good. Felt like I was playing offense all day and I was able to get a lot of good looks for birdie."

On being in the top five for four consecutive rounds...

"It feels good. I told myself last night that I feel like I'm playing well, just don't force it and let each round come to you, and to commit to every shot and every target that I pick."

On success in his rookie season...

"Early on I was missing cuts, then making cuts. I was just inconsistent. I've gotten more comfortable each week and each week is a different challenge. I feel good and I'm excited about tomorrow."

On the pressure of college vs. professional golf...

"[Professional golf] is definitely different. With college, you have the team aspect and try to play well for your team, but I've been playing golf my whole life so it's nothing different. There is definitely a different sense of pressure when you're a professional because it's your job. I'm trying not to focus on that but just go out and do my best every day."

On being in contention heading into the weekend...

"I just need to keep having an aggressive mindset. I will try to stay present and put one foot in front of the other and hit consistent shots throughout the day."

On his favorite shot of the day...

"My putt on No. 2 was about 20 feet. It was a tough read but I read it well and I made it. That felt pretty nice."

On his demeanor while playing golf...

"I would say I've always been this way. I just try to be even-keeled through every round and it's not always like that. It's just something that I try myself to not get too high or too low, but stay even-keeled and treat each shot with the same mindset as the other one."



Robby Shelton (-10, T2)

City Plays From: Wilmer, Alabama | Turned Pro: 2016 | College: University of Alabama

On his bogey-free 8-under 63...

"It was pretty solid yesterday and I only shot 2-under, but I felt good about my game and then teeing off this morning it was softer and I took advantage of it. I strung out four birdies on Nos. 5-9 to get me going and then followed up on the back with the same thing. I putted well, hit it well and everything was pretty good."

On the difference between Round 1 and Round 2...

"The softer conditions in the morning. Yesterday afternoon was firm so it was a lot harder but that's about it and I hit it a little better."

On his golf career...

"I tried (Korn Ferry Tour) Q-school (after college), missed it at my home course actually in Mobile, Alabama. I missed it by one then won at (PGA TOUR) Canada Q-School, so I went there and then finished second on the money list which got me conditional status out here. It's been a journey. I've climbed the ladder. I played Canada, then [Korn Ferry Tour] for two years, PGA TOUR for two years and then back here this year. It's been a journey and I'm ready to get back (to the PGA TOUR)."

Reflecting on his career leading up to this point...

"Just having somewhere to play is great. I'm always thankful to have somewhere to play and I'm not mad that I'm [on Korn Ferry Tour] and I'm not mad that I'm not on the PGA TOUR. It doesn't matter. If I start playing well, the tournaments will show."

On starting his season off with five missed cuts...

"Last year on the PGA TOUR I did not play well. I was doing a lot of things in my swing that I've never done before. I was just trying new things out that didn't work and it bled into my season. The first five events I didn't play great but then I got back into my old rhythm and things are just starting to click again. I feel much better over the golf ball and getting some confidence. I just didn't see that for a whole year and I've never been in that position. I've always played pretty good, but I got through it and I think I'm on the right track now."

On how he fixed the issues he was facing on the PGA TOUR...

"It was just me. I just wanted to try things that I shouldn't have and then I got into a rabbit hole that I shouldn't have been in and finally climbed out of it, I'm happy about it now."

On being in contention heading into the weekend...

"I feel good. My swing felt better today and it could get better this weekend. I found something on Monday when I got here and been riding it the whole way. If the putter works, it'll be a good weekend."

On what he found on Monday...

"I don't want to tell. It was just something for me with my left arm and that's about it."



On his birdie on No. 18...

"I had 50-degree wedge at 140-something yards and then hit it to two feet then made it. It gives me some momentum going into the weekend. I'm looking forward to finally being in contention again."

On if any holes stood out to him today...

"I feel like I just kept my head down and wasn't thinking about the scores, sometimes I can get caught up on that and this week it's been just swing after swing and it's been good so far."

On Nos. 5-9...

"I was hitting them in there pretty close and didn't have to make many putts. Then I had a two-putt birdie on No. 9 so it felt kind of easy."



Andrew Yun (-10, T2)

City Plays From: Scottsdale, Arizona | Turned Pro: 2013 | College: Stanford University

On his second round...

"Right from the get go I hit an 8-iron on the first hole to about 3 feet, so that was a sign of things to come. All day I hit a lot of great iron shots and made three birdies in a row on Nos. 7, 8 and 9, just trying to get the round going. I hit a few good drives and punched out and hit great iron shots to 12 feet, then 5 feet to make pars and those were my momentum savers at the end of the round."

On the difference between Round 1 and Round 2...

"The putts dropped today. I was hitting the ball well yesterday and hitting a lot of close shots, just not getting anything to drop. I birdied two of my last three (holes) yesterday and that flowed into today. The putts were dropping."

On his golf career...

"I've played on every circuit. I played three years out here when it was the Web.com [Tour] from 2015 to 2017 and I think I finished No. 13 on that top 25 in the regular season and got my PGA TOUR card, but I just had a terrible season. I finished outside the top 200 in the FedExCup, 230 or something like that. Because I didn't win [on Korn Ferry Tour], I had to go back to Second Stage of Q-School. I went back to Second Stage and didn't get through, so I had no status. I went from PGA TOUR status to nothing the next year. Then I had to go through Canadian Tour Q-School and I was way out of it going into the final round. I think I shot 4- or 5-under that last day and ended up being in a 4-for-1 playoff to get in. I won that playoff so I go onto [PGA Tour Canada] and played there. In 2020, there wasn't a season and last year I played well and finished fourth and got status back out here. I guess I'm a journeyman because I've been out there, done it all and it's good to be back out here playing on the Korn Ferry [Tour]."

On if losing status on PGA TOUR effected his mental game heading into Q-School...

"There are a lot of guys out here that (struggle). It's not that glamorous, a lot of it is that you're grinding and I think it's easy to see the top players and how they're doing with the media portraying them. It's easy to think that everyone's doing well out here. Even this season, I think I've made one cut in the past six or seven tournaments and that was a 58th finish. It's definitely been a struggle for me this year. Those experiences have definitely shaped me into who I am today and helped me with the perspective. I have a lot better perspective than I did before."

On his 2022 season...

"It's felt good for a period [of time]. Last month it didn't feel as good, I just worked really hard. It was during that stretch that I was working really hard that [my game] was getting worse. It's disappointing, but after missing the cut last week I flew back home for Memorial Day weekend and spent some time with my two boys and my wife. It wasn't an off week but it felt like an off week, so I felt refreshed. This week I came in with the attitude of 'let's just play golf.' Sometimes you try so hard to do things that you just get in your own way. This week I've allowed myself to play more freely."

On his favorite shot of the day...

"On the 14th hole I hit a terrible drive into the hazard and punched out. It's one of those moments where if you don't hit a great third shot you can make a double-bogey really quick. I hit a great iron shot there to about 12 feet then made that putt. That was on No. 14 and so that kept the momentum of the round going."