



**First-Round Transcripts | Wichita Open Benefitting KU Wichita Pediatrics
Thursday, June 16, 2022**

KEVIN ROY (-8, T1)

City Plays From: Tampa, Florida | Turned Pro: 2012 | College: Long Beach State University
Exempt Status: Top 75 in 2020-21 Regular Season Standings (thru 2022)

On his first-round bogey-free 8-under 62

With those kinds of rounds, everything's clicking. Just got off to a hot start, birdied the first three. I really like this place, so I just tried to keep the gas pedal down and make as many as I can.

On his mindset during the round

Those kinds of rounds, you kind of just blackout. I obviously know what's going on, but just try to keep laughing. I've got a buddy on the bag and I've been wearing a hat all year that says, 'have more fun out there'. So that's what we're trying to do. Hopefully we keep shooting some 8-under.

On where his comfort and likeness for Crestview Country Club comes from

I don't know. I love the greens. I seem to roll some putts in here. My buddy and I have a pretty good slogan here: high draws win Wichita. My favorite shot is a little baby draw. Had some good success here and hopefully we can keep it going.

On if the windy conditions during practice rounds affected his preparation

I actually didn't get here until Tuesday night. The only practice round I played was the 18-hole pro-am. It was definitely gusty, but I live in Florida. I play in the wind all the time. I went home after Greenville, missed the cut by one, which was kind of a blessing that I got to go home for a few days, spend some time with the wife and now feel refreshed here.

On the fans in Wichita

It's awesome. We don't get to see 17 like that too much. That's such a cool hole. I told (my caddy) Jordan – because the last time he caddied for me was during covid so there was nothing here – that this is one of the better turnouts that we have all year. It's awesome. The guys are great on 17, it's a lot of fun.

On the atmosphere at the course Thursday

The atmosphere's great. You can see it coming up the entire 18. They have flags all the way back to when I was born in 1990. I think that one was Tom Lehman, who is my dad's good buddy. It's a really fun tournament and I certainly enjoy coming here for sure.

TYSON ALEXANDER (-8, T1)

City Plays From: Gainesville, Florida | Turned Pro: 2010 | College: Florida
Exempt Status: Korn Ferry Tour: Tournament Winner (thru 2022)

On his first-round 8-under 62

Just scored pretty well today, honestly. Nothing too fancy. I made a good par save at No. 5 and just kept my round going from there and finished strong.

On birdying three of the four final holes

They are pretty tough holes, so that made me feel really good about the round. Last week, I looked at my scorecards and I just kind of tapered off on both back nines. Today, when I made the turn, I wanted to keep my foot on the gas a little bit.

On his 40-foot putt on the par-3 eighth

I hit it kind of in the middle of the green. (Jimmy) Stanger putted right before me and kind of showed me the read. I just fed it in there and it was perfect.

On playing alongside players near the top of the leaderboard (Jimmy Stanger, T4 / -5)

I think you always want to be with guys that are playing well. You've got good mojo going in the group. Everybody's in a decent mood. So yeah, I think that's probably a good thing.

On if the windy conditions during practice rounds affected his play today

Not really. This week, I've just kind of stayed off the driving range. When it's blowing that much, you can't really get much done. I've played some holes and I've played here a few times now so I know the drill. I'm pretty familiar with this place. I like this place a lot.

On what aspect of his game was working best Thursday

A little bit of everything. I think probably making the putts. When you shoot 8-under, you've got to make some putts. We were first off today so the greens were pretty nice and rolling smooth. I was able to take advantage of that and I thought the greens were maybe a little softer than I thought that they would be, so that made some pins more accessible. Overall, pretty solid.

ALEX CHIARELLA (-8, T1)

City Plays From: Maui, Hawaii | Turned Pro: 2016 | College: University of San Diego
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 his streak of six birdies to finish the round

That was a blast. I've never made more than six birdies in a row so I kind of wanted to keep it going, but we'll roll it into tomorrow.

On if the first hole tomorrow would count towards seven birdies in a row

I don't think so. We'll ask the committee about that but I think they'll frown about that one.

On his mindset during the six-birdie stretch

I'd say this one was more locked in than blacking out. I've had rounds where you blackout though. I feel like in those rounds, you're making 30-footers, 40-footers, everything's going in. But I was hitting it pretty good towards the end so I had a lot of short birdie looks.

On what was clicking during the stretch

On the back nine, I was hitting it pretty close to the hole. We had a bunch of eight to 10-foot looks, and maybe like four or five in a row. I made that long one on eight, which was nice. That was a big curler, so that was a bonus.

On the crowd in Wichita

Seventeen was wild. Nobody made a birdie. I left my birdie putt short. I kind of thought I was going to get booed. I was a little disappointed I didn't. Crowds are always good here and it was a lot of fun.

On his season up to this point and where his game's at

I'd like a little more consistency in my game. That's something I strive for. But I mean, it's golf. Any week, you can play well. Hopefully I just keep it rolling.

On added pressure with limited tournaments remaining this season

You just kind of keep plugging along. I feel like we're all pretty good enough that any week can be our week and out here, you need one really good week or a couple. Just keep your head down and keep grinding and hopefully the good times will come around.

On who is following him this week

I don't know. New fan, I guess. New friend. Not sure who that is.

On conversation with his caddie during hot streaks

It's like if a pitcher has a no hitter going, you don't bring it up. Keep doing the same routine and sticking to the process. It was fun, a lot of fun.