



2023 Price Cutter Charity Championship presented by Dr Pepper (18th of 26 events on 2023 Korn Ferry Tour Schedule) Tournament Media Site | Interview Transcripts

Springfield, Missouri	
Highland Springs Country Club	

July 20-23, 2023 Par / Yards: 72 / 7,115 Points: 500 (winner) Purse: \$1,000,000 / \$180,000 (winner)

Final-Round Notes – Sunday, July 23, 2023

Weather: Mostly sunny throughout the day with a high of 89. W/NW winds 5-15 mph.

Final Leaderboard

Pierceson Coody	63-68-65-67–263 (-25)
Ben Silverman	69-67-67-62–265 (-23)
Parker Coody	65-64-70-66–265 (-23)
Thomas Walsh	66-64-66-69–265 (-23)
Chandler Phillips	67-63-66-69–265 (-23)
Ryan Burnett	69-67-64-66-266 (-22)
Six players tied	267 (-21)

Charting the Champion (stats updated through tournament)

Category	Pierceson Coody
Age	23 (Jan. 7, 2000)
2023 Korn Ferry Tour Points List	No. 4
Korn Ferry Tour Starts – Wins – Top-10s (2023)	15-2-3
Korn Ferry Tour Starts – Wins – Top-10s (Career)	26-3-6
Starts – wins – top-10s at Price Cutter Charity Championship	2-1-1

Pierceson Coody claims second win this season at Price Cutter Charity Championship presented by Dr Pepper

SPRINGFIELD, Missouri – On the final hole at Highland Springs Country Club on a sweaty summer Sunday in the Midwest, Pierceson Coody rolled in one final great putt in a week full of them, took his hat off and let his hair's flow breath for a minute. He breathed too, finally. His second win of the season had been confirmed.

And, more likely than not, he'll be heading to the PGA TOUR for the first time.

Coody, who captured the Price Cutter Charity Championship presented by Dr Pepper on Sunday by two shots, didn't think that this was going to be the week for him to break out of a mid-season slump. But such is golf. You take the opportunities when they come, and when things go in your favor, it's all good, baby.

"I was kind of in a little bit of a funk and it's crazy that one week in golf can change everything and change your mindset," Coody said. "I mean, it's so cliché, but it's hard to put into words because it still doesn't feel real.

"It's probably not going to feel real for a few days."

Coody, who arrived in Missouri having missed four of six cuts on the Korn Ferry Tour, fractured his left hand last fall and had surgery to remove a bone during the offseason. A swing adjustment changed the way his club was sitting at the top; he was coming down on the ball with a more open face. Coody admitted he had some good weeks with this new tweak (he won The Panama Championship earlier this year) but otherwise things had been inconsistent. He finally committed to keeping the face square at the top – despite it feeling shut to him.

Highland Springs Country Club was also not necessarily the venue where Coody thought things would turn around for him. He missed the cut here a year ago and thought "a lot" of tee shots that were "just a little uncomfortable."

"I just kind of played to my strengths," Coody said. "I knew I was putting well, and I think I had a pretty high (greens in regulation number) this week, so I just kind of trusted the putter."

Coody shot a final-round 67 to finish at 25 under for the week. He topped a foursome of players at 23 under including Ben Silverman, who shot a tournament-best 10-under 62 on Sunday and crossed the points threshold to secure 2024 PGA TOUR membership as a result.

In that foursome tied for second was Coody's twin brother Parker. He believes this is the first time that they have ever gone 1-2 at any tournament, ever, and the duo got to do it front of their parents Kyle and Debbie.

"This is really cool for both of us. Really cool that our parents got to come out and watch it as well," Coody said.

The winning Coody (younger by 37 minutes) went out in 3-under 33 after notching birdies on Nos. 8 and 9 before making the turn. He added circles on the scorecard on Nos. 11 and 15 before cruising in with three straight pars and the victory.

Coody, who converted the 54-hole lead, had one other top-10 finish this season aside from his win – a tie for eighth at the LECOM Suncoast Classic – before his triumph at Highland Springs.

This was Coody's third Korn Ferry Tour victory. He won last year's Live and Work in Maine Open in just his third Korn Ferry Tour start after finishing atop the 2022 PGA TOUR University Ranking.

Coody moves to fourth on the Korn Ferry Tour Points List, on the verge of cementing his first TOUR card via the top 30 on the season-long standings.

"I've never been a PGA TOUR member, so it hasn't sunk in yet. I was fortunate to play seven events (on TOUR) this season and just see what it's like, and obviously it's incredible," Coody said. "It's the dream. I've said for a long time coming out of college that my goal is to play on the Korn Ferry Tour and get through here to the PGA TOUR. I was close last summer. Just obviously extremely happy to be going in the right direction."

That PGA TOUR direction is something awfully familiar to the Coody family. It's been well documented, of course, with Coody's grandfather Charles winning the Masters in 1971. Pierceson Coody said his grandfather will be the first person he'll call Sunday night after his big win.

"He, I guess, gave golf to our family," Coody said. "My dad played professionally and now Parker and I are pursuing professionally.

"To tell my grandad that I'm going to be on the PGA TOUR, it's been the goal my whole life. Yeah, it's just crazy."

The Korn Ferry Tour heads to the NV5 Invitational presented by Old National Bank next week, with the tournament streamed live exclusively by Barstool Sports.

Final-round notes

- With a T2 finish this week, **Ben Silverman** (T2/-23) moves from No. 3 to No. 2 on the Points List and becomes the third Korn Ferry Tour player this season to clinch a PGA TOUR card for the 2024 season
 - In 11 starts this season, Silverman has posted six top-10 finishes, including two as runner-up and one victory (The Bahamas Great Abaco Classic at The Abaco Club)
 - In Sunday's final round, Silverman carded a bogey-free 10-under 62 that was capped off with an eagle at the 540-yard par-5 18th
- **Parker Coody** (T2/-23), the outright 36-hole leader, logs his second consecutive finish inside the top-three and the best finish of his young career
 - After beginning the season with conditional status and no guaranteed starts, he now has four top-five finishes in his last eight starts
 - Moves from 34th to 23rd on the Points List

- Thomas Walsh (T2/-23) clinches the best finish of his Korn Ferry Tour career (33 starts) after leading all players this week with 29 total birdies
 - Held a share of the 54-hole lead before posting a final-round 3-under 69 made up of five birdies against one double bogey at the par-4 ninth
- **Chandler Phillips** (T2/-23) entered the day as a co-leader and claimed the solo lead briefly during the final round, but finished T2 to mark his second top-10 finish of the season and first since he won the season-opening The Bahamas Great Exuma Classic at Sandals Emerald Bay
- In his fifth start as a professional, Ryan Burnett (6th/-22) earns the first top-10 finish of his career
 - Burnett quickly climbed the leaderboard in the final round after starting 6-under thru 11 holes, but two bogeys and just one more birdie over the last seven holes resulted in a solo-sixth finish
 - A graduate of the University of North Carolina, Burnett finished No. 7 in the PGA TOUR University Class of 2023
- Adrien Dumont de Chassart (T7/-21), No. 3 in the PGA TOUR University Class of 2023, records his fifth consecutive top-10 finish in his fifth start as a professional:
 - T7 Price Cutter Charity Championship presented by Dr Pepper
 - T6 The Ascendant presented by Blue
 - T8 Memorial Health Championship presented by LRS
 - o T2 Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Kansas Wichita Open Benefitting KU Wichita Pediatrics
 - Won BMW Charity Pro-Am presented by TD SYNNEX