

Price Cutter Charity Championship presented by Dr Pepper

ROUND 3 QUOTES

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NICK GABRELCIK (-14)

Q. Nick, bogey-free 7-under 65 today. What worked well with your game today and what's this week been like for you?

NICK GABRELCIK: Yeah, the week's been awesome. To start the day was not the best, it was a bit of a grind. Missed my first two greens, chipped in on 3, but tried to stay as patient as possible and starting on hole 5 started hitting fairways, hitting greens and gave myself looks, and the putter got hot for a little bit. Cooled off toward the end, but luckily got the last one to go at 18 to finish at 7, so super happy about the round.

Q. What's been your strategy around this course? We've seen some low scores, but we also heard if you end up in the rough it can be a bit difficult. So what's been your plan out here?

NICK GABRELCIK: Yeah, I mean, my plan is kind of just go hit drivers. I mean, it's wide enough to where if you do miss fairways you can draw some good lies, get a few good breaks and still be able to either hit it close or get it up around the green where you can make par. So that's kind of the strategy.

The few holes that I have kind of tried to play smarter, laid back on hasn't gone so well for me, so I shied away from that, especially today, but that's been the strategy all week.

Q. The sixth event this year since finishing up school, the third made cut. What's the adjustment been like for you this season being out here playing the Korn Ferry Tour?

NICK GABRELCIK: Yeah, it's obviously been super fun, super grateful to have my Korn Ferry card, be out here, but it's a grind. It's way different than college playing once every two weeks, once every three weeks, being with your teammates every time, now it's just me and my brother in hotel rooms trying to find things to do outside of golf. But I told him last night, the second week back from the off week and it feels like I've been out here for two months already. So it's kind of trying to find some things to distract yourself with so it's not all golf and take it more as a vacation and not just a job.

Q. What do you think has been your biggest adjustment you've made being out here as a professional?

NICK GABRELCIK: Well, in college you can kind of go out and shoot 3, 4 under par for three days and you're top-10, top-20. Out here if you're not averaging 68, 67, you're behind



the eight-ball. Coming out here, learning how to make a lot of birdies, a lot of putts and stay away from the bogeys has been the biggest thing I'm trying to learn and still adjusting to.

Q. You mentioned to trying to find stuff off the course. Have you felt being a professional trying to still find footing in terms of a regimen or anything like that you have a the course?

NICK GABRELCIK: Yeah, trying to figure out like day-to-day process on Monday through Wednesday. Obviously you have your set schedule for the actual tournament rounds, but practice-wise I'm not a person who goes out and grinds for four, five hours a day. So I'm out here for one hour and a half, two, two and a half and then Monday and Tuesday I'll play the actual golf course.

Because Wednesday I'm not in the pro-ams right now, so Wednesday's a little bit boring. That's our day to kind of figure out what to do, but that's the biggest thing is trying to figure out what you're going to do in the three days leading up.

Q. And going into tomorrow's final round, what's kind of the same mindset tomorrow? What do you think if you end up kind of near the top of the leaderboard heading into tomorrow?

NICK GABRELCIK: Yeah, I've been around the top in college a lot, but obviously this is a professional circuit now. Just trying not to think about it as much, especially if I get myself in that position, kind of look at it as just another round of golf. Obviously it's easier said than done, I think everybody knows that, but just going to go out and try and enjoy it.

Q. You said it's your brother on the bag?

NICK GABRELCIK: Yes.

Q. What kind of went into having him on the bag?

NICK GABRELCIK: That was the plan for probably four, five years now. We're both from Tampa, I went to University of North Florida in Jacksonville. He moved up last July actually.

Lucky enough -- well, kind of lucky, our assistant coach ended up taking a job with the Tour at the end of the fall semester, so Donnie took the internship assistant coach job, I guess, for the spring. So it kind of worked out best of both worlds. He kind of got to be with me more on the golf course in college so we can kind of get the connection going. He caddied for me in summer events, but it's nothing like out here. That was the plan for four or five years and we're both super happy that it's going the way it is.

Q. Is it nice to have that familiar face, obviously it's your brother, just to keep you calm out there and, like you said, there's days where you have time to kill, kind of somebody that you can do stuff?



NICK GABRELCIK: Oh, yeah, it's great having him out here. And it's a lot cheaper because we split hotel rooms and split rental cars, so it saves us both money in a way. Just having him out here for off the golf course, if things go bad or good knowing he's here to support me because my family can't be here every week so I've got part of my family to be with me, so it's been awesome so far.

Q. Did you grow up in a golf family? How did you get into the game?

NICK GABRELCIK: Honestly, I have no idea. I kind of just did whatever Donnie did. He played football, I played football, he played baseball, I played baseball. When he was 13, 14ish he went to the golf course with my dad and I was just a young kid and said, all right, I'll go with you guys, let's have fun. Eventually he settled down with it, wanted to try it out and I was like I'm just going to do what he does. That's what I've done my whole life, so it's kind of how I got into golf.

