

## NATIONWIDE CHILDRENS HOSPITAL CHAMPIONSHIP

### ROUND 3 QUICK QUOTES

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### JOHN VANDERLAAN (-13)

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**Q. John, right back up at the top again. Just how are we feeling about this week?**

**JOHN VANDERLAAN:** It's been great. My game's been really solid all week. It's been solid for a long stretch now, but I've kind of gotten a couple things to click. Hitting it really nice, made a couple putts. Nice to be at the top heading into Sunday.

**Q. Of course even par yesterday is never a bad round out here. Just how do you rebound when you know you're a few shots back and then bounce back to the top?**

**JOHN VANDERLAAN:** Yeah, I was actually pretty happy with my day yesterday, I got off to a pretty poor start, was a few over early and battled back. Had a birdie putt on 9 to shoot under par for the day. Playing my last nine holes in 4 under yesterday was kind of like, all right, let's ride that momentum into today. I came out firing today, so kind of try to do the same thing tomorrow.

**Q. At end of the season here you're in the same position at the beginning of the season, just how does it feel to come full circle and how are you going to tackle tomorrow?**

**JOHN VANDERLAAN:** Yeah, it feels great. It's always good to be in this spot. I've been here a couple times, and I think the last few times I've been in the lead or around the lead I've definitely taken a couple things away, learned a couple things, what might work better for me in the future. So I plan on using those to my advantage tomorrow hopefully.

**Q. Seems like you had a good following out there too today.**

**JOHN VANDERLAAN:** Yeah, it's always nice to be in the last group, usually people want to watch some good golf. No, it's fun. We have some local support here and it's good crowds, so it's always fun being here.

**Q. John, you talked about the finish yesterday. Just what did you learn about yourself in those nine holes?**

**JOHN VANDERLAAN:** Yeah, this is a golf course where you can't really get defensive. If you miss your spots, if you miss in the wrong spots, you're going to find yourself struggling to make par kind of like I did on 18 just now. So really just when you get out of position, got to manage it. I plan on sticking to the same game plan tomorrow, take advantage where I

can and play conservative when I need to.

**Q. How has that maybe been the story of the season just trying to (inaudible) find something and get the most out of it?**

**JOHN VANDERLAAN:** Yeah, for sure. I mean, that's what it's all about, right? I've always loved this golf course. I think this golf course puts an emphasis on ball-striking more than some of the ones that we play. You've got to play all around really good golf out here, it's a really good test.

To be 13 under, whatever I am right now, is some really good golf. See if we can finish it off tomorrow.

**Q. How many times have you been out here now?**

**JOHN VANDERLAAN:** Too many. I mean, it's always good being here, but I definitely, I think I've played every year here since 2020, so five or six now. You definitely learn a couple things here and there. Yeah, see what we can do.

**Q. What has stood out to you maybe this year in correlation with years past?**

**JOHN VANDERLAAN:** Yeah, I think my game's in a little bit better shape this year coming in than it has been in the past. I missed the cut last week but felt like I played all right. I think I made the last eight cuts before that and had a bunch of top-20s, so I think my game's just in better shape and I feel like I'm kind of firing where I need to, taking advantage -- there's holes out there where you have wedges and you can make birdies and I've done a good job of taking advantage of some of those chances.

**Q. John, what hole are you proud he is of today and why?**

**JOHN VANDERLAAN:** That's a good question. I have to think back about that. Honestly, like I say, you don't play too many stress-free rounds out here. I think I hit the first 17 greens in regulation so I didn't really have to stress that much today. It was kind of the same on Thursday, obviously anytime you shoot 62 you're doing something right.

Inevitably tomorrow and throughout the week you're going to get out of position. Just kind of get it back to where we can make par at that point and that's kind of my game plan.

**Q. You mentioned stress and all that. People just don't realize how tough it is to get that Tour card, do they?**

**JOHN VANDERLAAN:** No. It's a grind. I've been doing it since 2020. So I said Thursday, I think, I'm grateful for the Korn Ferry Tour. I appreciate everywhere I've been and all that I've accomplished, but everybody here, their goal is to play the PGA TOUR and be one of the best players in the world. This is a great springboard for that and it provides us great

opportunities and kind of gets us ready. I've been fortunate to play I think four Tour events now. It really kind of prepares you for the next level. So yeah, hopefully I'll have a good day tomorrow and I'm ready to get out there.

**Q. This course is known for testing every club in your bag. How do you appreciate a challenge like that?**

**JOHN VANDERLAAN:** Yeah, for sure, and that's why I think you see generally the scores here are higher than other places. You've got to drive it good to hit it in the fairway to get it -- the sections aren't huge, the greens have a ton of slope and you've got long irons into some of the holes. There are holes you can take advantage of and I've been able to do that so far, but you've really got to manage your way around it. You can't just bomb it and wedge it onto the green all the time.