

Petty puts together record-breaking round to win SRM 14-under division

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Davis Petty was quick to describe what he accomplished on Sunday at Roanoke Country Club.

"That was the best round of my life," he said. "Unbelievable."

Petty shot 7-under 64, the best round ever in his division, to rally from five shots back to win the 14-under boys division of the Scott Robertson Memorial, presented by Janney.

"I knew what I had to do today," Petty said. "I knew (a 64) was possible the way the course was playing. I just needed to hit a few fairways and a few greens. Then the putter got hot at the right time."

Petty said his round was bolstered first when he sank a 30-foot putt for birdie on the sixth hole. He later topped that with a 40-foot birdie putt that went down on the 15th hole. That was the last of four straight birdies he carded on the inward nine.

The second round of the 14-under division was cut to nine holes due to a severe weather delay. Petty said that hurt him because he felt more comfortable on the Redbud course, which served as the division's back nine. Still, he felt like he figured out how to reverse his fortune

"I hit the ball really well yesterday, but I couldn't get putts to fall," Petty said. "But I was really confident today and I knew what I needed to do. Bombs away."

Ryan Hooker of Oakton, Virginia finished second, one shot back. He needed a birdie on the final hole to force a playoff but came up short on his putt.

Second-round leader Rayhaeo Feng finished tied for fifth after shooting 75 on Sunday.