

ROUND 3 INTERVIEW
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BEN TAYLOR (-5)

Q. Very well played out there. Tell me how special a day it was at Torrey on Saturday in front of some amazing crowds, but also how special the week's been to this point.

BEN TAYLOR: It's been very special. Obviously being my rookie year, that was the welcome to the PGA TOUR, that's for sure. Very happy with how I played. Had a few chances coming in and thought it was going to be a very good moving day, but pretty pleased with 71 and put myself in good position for tomorrow.

Q. Give me a sense of having, I'm sure, watched this golf course and this tournament for many years on television, just how tough it is, especially when it's a little overcast, a little wet out there as well, and obviously thick, juicy rough?

BEN TAYLOR: Yeah, it is, that rough is really juicy. I think the lies are worse when you're a yard off the fairway than you are when you're in the middle of the crowd. We handled it pretty well. I was on a lot of fairways, which was nice, so hopefully we can continue that momentum off the tee tomorrow.

Q. What about the excitement level for you; PGA Tour, as you mentioned, rookie season. What you produced on the Korn Ferry, of course, picking up that victory, but now the new challenge at this stage of your career?

BEN TAYLOR: Yeah, I mean, it's obviously what I've been working so hard to try and get to the PGA TOUR, so now that it's here, I wouldn't have said that my start in the fall was as good as I wanted, but here I am playing this week, got in and reshuffled no problem, and it's been great. I've felt like my game's matched up to those out here. Met a lot of new good friends out here in practice rounds and I feel like my game is certainly up to that standard. So I think this week is finally proving that to myself and hopefully I can cap this week off with a good one tomorrow.

Q. I understand your dad's out there watching, but your mum, she's got other priorities this weekend, does she?

BEN TAYLOR: Yeah, mum's on a hen do with a sister, so I'm not sure they're out watching. And my dad's flight keeps getting delayed. He was meant to go back Thursday, so perhaps it was a good omen. Hopefully his flight gets canceled again.

Q. I like the fact that your accent is intact, it's not too Floridian yet, is it?

BEN TAYLOR: No, I've tried to hang on to it. I had a couple of guys out there shouting at

me, I don't think they even knew where I was from. Still got it. Obviously very much enjoying playing out here at Torrey.