

WILL GORDON

JOHN BUSH: We would like to welcome Will Gordon into the virtual interview room here at the Rocket Mortgage Classic. Will, thanks for joining us for a few minutes.

WILL GORDON: Thank you.

JOHN BUSH: Let me be the first to congratulate you on accepting special temporary membership to the PGA TOUR based on just an outstanding week last week at the Travelers Championship. If we can get you to take us back to your play last week, which included that spectacular 62 on Friday and a 64 to close on Sunday.

WILL GORDON: Yeah, it was a special week overall. I was really thankful to get the opportunity and felt that I did a really good job preparing myself for any opportunity that did come over the quarantine break. Came out firing and felt pretty confident and comfortable. I had really taken a lot of time to get ready emotionally and mentally, so I think that kind of carried me through the week.

JOHN BUSH: Obviously you tied for third place, your best finish of the year, but you've had four top-25 finishes in your last five starts. Just talk a little bit about your play up to this point on Tour this season.

WILL GORDON: Yeah, I think that I've gotten comfortable out here. As I've had more solid finishes, I've continued to believe in myself a little bit. It's something I thought I could do, but now that I've had some consistent opportunity out here, I've just continued to build on the momentum I've created.

JOHN BUSH: And here at the Detroit Golf Club, what's your schedule been like so far this week and what are your thoughts of the golf course?

WILL GORDON: Yeah, I got here -- I drove from actually, I drove from Connecticut yesterday and got in last night. Went out and played a practice round with Rickie and Patrick Rodgers this morning, had a really good time. Rickie had given me a spot before I top-10ed, so he invited me to play and he was really good. It was an awesome experience to walk around the golf course with him and learn from him a little bit and be around one of the Tour's best. So it's been a good week so far. I'm just going to rest this afternoon and just continue to get ready tomorrow.

JOHN BUSH: Before we open it up to questions, just talk a little bit about your expectations for the rest of the season.

WILL GORDON: Yeah, I think my expectations don't really change. I think my goals might shift a little bit now that I'm going to have a little bit more of a stable schedule and have a little bit more of attainable goals in front of me. But I think my expectation of myself kind of continues to be the same thing in just going out and trying to compete at the highest level.

JOHN BUSH: Well, we appreciate that. We will now open it up to questions.

Q. Why did you drive from Connecticut, Will? You won a lot of money, you're supposed to get your own jet, aren't you?

WILL GORDON: I mean, yeah, I'm not ready for that, that bill mentally. I just decided to drive. On Thursday or Friday I decided to drive last week just to kind of keep my circle small. You know, as this COVID thing continues to be a real issue to kind of everything going on, I just wanted to keep my bubble really small, so my caddie and I just kept the same car and we drove all the way here. It wasn't that bad of a drive.

Q. I'm waiting for hours. How many hours was that?

WILL GORDON: It was 10 and a half, so we did three on Sunday night after we got done and then we did six and a half or seven yesterday.

Q. And secondly, what do you have planned going forward?

WILL GORDON: Yeah, I mean, I still have to get invitations from tournaments, but I'm just kind of waiting to hear what my schedule will look like. A lot's changed in the last 24 hours and I have some good relationships with some tournament directors in Florida, and I think I'm playing for sure the Wyndham Championship, but other than that, I'm waiting to hear back from a couple people and will definitely be super appreciative of anywhere I can play.

Q. Sorry to keep hogging this, but it seems like an odd -- well, it's an odd year to begin with, but from the standpoint of the season really shrinks and now that you've got an open amount of invitations, you're still looking at -- I mean, Wyndham's kind of the cutoff.

WILL GORDON: Right.

Q. Is that just as much pressure on you when you do get a start to try and get full membership?

WILL GORDON: Yeah, I think we'll see where this, these FedExCup points end up for the 125 this year. I think just trying to play my best until that number's for sure is just all my goals is going to do and try to win every time I get a chance.

JOHN BUSH: Before we let you go, I would like you to comment if you can, please, on just your stint on the Korn Ferry Tour up to this point and also on the MacKenzie Tour. Just talk a

little bit about your path to the PGA TOUR up to this point.

WILL GORDON: Yeah, I was up in Canada last summer, played nine events. And I've only played one Korn Ferry event. I played the Utah Championship last summer on a sponsor invitation. Other than that, I did the Q-School, but missed second stage. Since then I've just been doing sponsor invites on the PGA TOUR. This is where we want to be and I'm super excited to have capitalized on the opportunities that I did gain. It's exciting to have a little bit more of a stable schedule and some certainty moving forward.

JOHN BUSH: All right. Well, Will, we appreciate your time and we look forward to watching you play this week. best of luck here at the Detroit Golf Club.

WILL GORDON: Yeah, thank you, guys. Appreciate it.