

WILL ZALATORIS (-2)

Q. Talk about the first round. You kept it in the fairway pretty regularly. Is that the key around here?

WILL ZALATORIS: Yeah. I mean, the greens aren't very receptive, you've got to keep it below the hole, so you've got to keep it in the fairway. I had a nice little run on the back of keeping it in the fairway, but on the front I was kind of grinding to find at least the short grass. It's been fun. It's obviously nice to be back in front of kind of a home crowd.

Q. I know you talked about (inaudible) you still (inaudible) on this tour (inaudible) the fraternity yet. Got to keep grinding?

WILL ZALATORIS: Yeah, it's a little weird. I've kind of -- the joke that I said is finishing second means as much as missing a cut. Hopefully be on my way to New Jersey. If not, I'll be heading to Europe.

Q. And the back's feeling okay?

WILL ZALATORIS: Yeah, I'm doing a lot better. I've had a lot of treatment on it. I'm still just not trying to get too far ahead of myself, just trying to take it day by day, but it's been pretty good.

Q. Talk about being here near Wake Forest. I know you graduated -- I think you graduated. Just talk about being close to Wake.

WILL ZALATORIS: Yeah, I went back to campus on Monday, saw Coach. It's nice being back. I met my fiancée there, so it's kind of fun reliving some memories. Stopped at Camino, went up to the Porch, just usual spots. It's a lot of fun being back here and hearing a lot of "Go Deacs."

Q. One more thing. What's it going to take for you to -- 68 today's score, but a lot of good scores. What's it going to take for you maybe tomorrow?

WILL ZALATORIS: Yeah, I've just got to give myself some better looks. All my good looks were way above the hole and I had a couple of 40-, 50-footers today. Even shooting 2 under and was pretty solid, I need to give myself some better chances and keep it below the hole.

Q. When somebody asks you why you're not a member of the PGA TOUR, what's your simple answer?

WILL ZALATORIS: I'm a Korn Ferry Tour member.