

TAYLOR MOORE (-11)

Q. Taylor, your first career hole-in-one on the PGA TOUR in these conditions. Talk us through that hole.

TAYLOR MOORE: Yeah, obviously really exciting. Honestly, it's a pretty perfect club, 8-iron from about 178 with wind off the right. Just started at that right bunker and let the wind do its job, and got a fortunate bounce. It looked like kind of like a fringe bounce. Yeah, we were able to see it from the tee, which is also really cool. Very excited to see it go in and awesome to make my first hole-in-one out here.

Q. Overall can you just speak to the conditions today? You said your lips are pretty chapped?

TAYLOR MOORE: Yeah, super chapped compared to yesterday. Yeah, extremely tough. It was really just trying to flight the ball around and hit as many greens as I could. I've seen this place in these conditions a little bit playing the SEC Championships here for four years and seeing it in the wind then. It was a little opposite of what I remembered, but yeah, played here before in it and, like I said, just tried to take the pin out of the greens and hit as many greens as I could.

Q. Two great rounds. Coming in from last week in Houston, was there anything that you were working on over the weekend or do you see any key differences from one week to another?

TAYLOR MOORE: Not really. I mean, I didn't play that bad in Houston. You know, came out Saturday to finish my back nine and it was pretty challenging with how cold it was and just really wanted to stick to my game plan and hit the shots I know I can hit. Like I said, hit a bunch of greens, hit a bunch of fairways and go from there.

Q. With your history here from SECs, is this the first golf course of your season that you've seen before?

TAYLOR MOORE: No. I played Sanderson my rookie year on the Web so I saw Jackson, and I saw TPC in Vegas as well. Yeah, and back here as well.

Q. Are you an Edmond guy?

TAYLOR MOORE: Edmond, Oklahoma, yes.

Q. Who did you grow up with?

TAYLOR MOORE: I was just after like Kevin Tway and Will Kropp. I played with Willie Woods' son Hayden, he was a little bit younger than me. And actually Matt Wolff's caddie Nick Heinen as well. We had a pretty good group of guys from Edmond playing growing up there.

Q. What's the most interesting fact about you that people may not know?

TAYLOR MOORE: Interesting fact about me that people may not know. Well, I grew up a baseball guy, so I was a pretty high-level baseball player until I was about 15 years old and actually had a scholarship from Arkansas for baseball before golf and ended up deciding to play this.

Q. Was that a hard choice between the two?

TAYLOR MOORE: Definitely, yeah. My dad coached college baseball for 20 years, so I grew up going to the field every day and that was kind of my childhood and first love was baseball. So it was a tough choice at the time for sure.

Q. Was it just a matter of I'm a little bit better at golf or what was the thinking?

TAYLOR MOORE: Yeah, kind of fell in love with golf as I got older and just being in control of a little bit of everything instead of relying on teammates and umpires and things. I was either going to win by myself or lose.

Q. Where did your dad coach?

TAYLOR MOORE: JUCO mostly out in west Texas, San Angelo, Texarkana, and then I got into the high school ranks towards the end of his coaching career.

Q. What's your scouting report as a baseball player and then as a golfer?

TAYLOR MOORE: Baseball player, man, I didn't hit for power, I was more of a contact doubles guy, kind of hit it in the gap. Really good middle infielder, though. Played short and second most of my career there.

And scouting report for golf, I'd say ball-striker, drive it really nice, try to hit a bunch of greens and I've gotten a lot better the last two or three years in my short game and putting.

Q. Do you know Austin Cook at all?

TAYLOR MOORE: I do.

Q. Did he give you any tips for Sea Island?

TAYLOR MOORE: No. I know he won here. We actually lived together one year at Arkansas. He was a senior when I was a freshman. we played together and stuff. I didn't see him this week or he didn't give me any tips, but definitely remember him winning here.

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TAYLOR MOORE: I just played here my four years. It wasn't match play at the time. I believe I had a top-10 or two. I know I finished fourth or fifth one year. Yeah, I remember I think my junior year I finished top-5.