

ROUND 4 INTERVIEW
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TYLER McCUMBER (-15)

Q. Second shot to 9, ShotLink had like 144. What'd you hit and how were you kind of trying to get it there?

TYLER McCUMBER: Yeah, I had a good number, obviously that back right pin. I had a 52-degree wedge and a little bit of a hanging lie and I was playing for about four or five yards of adrenaline to about three or four yards short of the pin just in case you get a little help or a little gust. I figured an eight- to 10-footer right below it would be perfect, pretty makeable. I caught it a degree low and came up just a hair short and had a little longer putt than I wanted for 59.

Q. Did the putt look good at a certain point?

TYLER McCUMBER: It looked great the entire way.

Q. How excited did you bet when you thought this might go in?

TYLER McCUMBER: Yeah, all the read was really -- the guess was sort of in the beginning of the putt, it was a grain change. It was right-to-left grain and then right-to-left and down. I knew if I got it to the one point at the grain change, I knew what it was going to do. So obviously you're hitting it hard from 53 feet. Just wanted to have really good speed and I felt like I had the right speed, just hung out there a little longer than I needed.

Q. We were watching you from the side so we didn't see. What side did it miss on and how close was it?

TYLER McCUMBER: It missed on the high side, the left side. Everyone said that's the pro side, but pros hit it in the middle of the cut, so I never understood that. Yeah, I mean, the greens have been running great. They've had a little bit of grain so I've been playing it a little more than I would normally out here. So I erred on sort of that high side because I knew with good speed I was planning on it falling fast, falling hard. A couple putts I've had just broke across the hole that didn't have much speed at the end and it just didn't do that.

Q. Did you ever have a putt for 59 at any time in your life?

TYLER McCUMBER: I have. I had one yesterday, I was just on the 15th hole. Yeah, not on 18 I haven't. Had one on 9 when I was about 14 years old.

Q. You didn't have any -- you ran out of holes and Talor is out there still playing, playing pretty good, but however, however he finishes, can you imagine a better way

short of winning of going into the offseason and then maybe in the process some of the things you're talking about you're going to do?

TYLER McCUMBER: Yeah, we spoke earlier in the week about patience and I've been -- I feel like I've been tested, but holding -- sort of staying strong on being patient. I've been playing well. Missed a few cuts by a shot; four, five cuts this fall season by a shot, including kind of going into the last year. So I knew my game was trending, I knew I was playing well. Like what we talked about, staying patient and it would click. I even was tested this week. I was hitting it close, had a couple good saves, but when I wasn't saving, I was hitting it really tight and scaring the hole all week, especially on Saturday. Then finally when I made that eagle putt on 15 today on my front nine, the back nine, I was like, man, maybe this momentum and this -- maybe it will just shift a little bit for me, I can get them falling and sure enough they did.

Q. Did you -- on Thursday you really had it going good and then from what I understand there was a marker out there that might have given you a little bit of a raw number or something, I don't know, but how -- explain bouncing back and then Saturday -- yeah, Friday just to make the cut?

TYLER McCUMBER: Yeah, I mean it was a little bit of a grind those first two days. I did get it going at times and sort of a few setbacks, but it's kind of been -- part of that process is just really staying patient because I know when I get going I can make a lot of birdies and even a couple eagles this week. The conditions were a bit more favorable today for scoring. Yesterday I was so close in some really hard conditions to shooting 4 or 5 under even though I shot even. I knew that was a big moving day to be in position to sort of have a chance today, so that was sort of something I had to swallow last night and put it behind me so that I could try to come out and shoot a low one today.

Q. When did the 59 first enter your mind today as a possibility?

TYLER McCUMBER: Yeah, so my 16th hole. Yeah, 7, the par 5. Came off a couple birdies in a row and just trying to find a head space that kind of kept the pedal down versus coasting in, or just wanted to try to have a goal to birdie every hole or make an eagle coming in.

Q. So it's helpful to be --

TYLER McCUMBER: It did. It was sort of the catalyst to try to keep the pedal down and focus on shooting a low score and actually the 59 kind of took the pressure off.

Q. I'm thinking of baseball where a pitcher has the perfect game going, his teammates don't talk to him. How did your playing partners treat you?

TYLER McCUMBER: They were great. Obviously Bill and BG, a lot to talk about between the Gators and sports right now, so they were great. I was pretty focused though so I would say I probably wasn't the Chatty Cathy.

Q. Eight behind the green, did the tree branches enter in in any way?

TYLER McCUMBER: On 8? No. On the little pitch, the 8th hole? No. It was a pretty good lie just there in the padded down rough where people kind of walk through there. I knew if I kept my speed up with the shot I'd have a little spin. My plan was to land it right on the grain change and if it came out hot, it would check into the green a little bit and if it came out a little bit soft with no spin, it would hit on the downslope and run. Kind of just landed right where I wanted.

Q. Any idea if your dad ever shot 60 out here?

TYLER McCUMBER: He has not. I know that for a fact because he -- have a long ways to go in that career to match that, but I'll hold the 60 over his head tonight over a beer.

Q. Tell us about Titos Banditos.

TYLER McCUMBER: Yeah, obviously being really close to Jacksonville where I'm from, Jax Beach, Ponte Vedra area. Had a lot of family and friends up this week. My nickname growing up was Tito, that's what my family calls me and close friends. My sister gets a little creative and festive with some of the hats and shirts sometimes and yeah, sort of a really awesome support group and I'm pretty glad and fortunate to have that out here this week.