

TAYLOR MONTGOMERY (-12)

Q. One under, just kind of talk about this week, how it went.

TAYLOR MONTGOMERY: Had a great time this week. It was something I'll remember forever, kind of first PGA TOUR event up near the lead. I love the fans. It's so much different than I'm used to. Like I said yesterday, reminds me a lot of like basketball, when I played basketball just with the crowd going crazy, they're a little drunk and having fun (laughs.)

Q. And being a sponsor exemption, tell me about using this advantage to the fullest and being in the mix?

TAYLOR MONTGOMERY: Normally don't like handouts, but it was nice to get in this week, be able to prepare two different courses and it's nice not having to Monday qualify for the event.

Q. And like how meaningful that you came here for the U.S. Open and then able to come back here and get a start?

TAYLOR MONTGOMERY: Oh, it's great. I came here for Junior World and then obviously the U.S. Open, which was crazy, then this week. I have some good memories on this golf course and I think it helped with my play this week.

Q. The South course can be challenging. What are takeaways that maybe some confidence going into the rest of the season?

TAYLOR MONTGOMERY: Yeah, the South course is brutal. I definitely learned a lot. I got to play with Scottie Scheffler and Justin Rose and you think you're good and these guys are flagging 5-irons to firm, fast greens. I don't know, it's like got a lot to practice.

Q. From U.S. Open having fans there, was that kind of helpful? Did you have family and friends following today?

TAYLOR MONTGOMERY: Yeah, I had family and friends but it was a limited field because they're in California and at that time. And then I don't think there was a limit this week that I know of, so it was definitely more rowdy this week for sure