

RYAN MOORE (-9)

Q. Ryan, great playing, 9 under through two rounds. If we can just get an opening comment on how you played so far.

RYAN MOORE: It's been some good solid golf. The rounds were very different, I drove it great yesterday, was in position all day long. I was able to hit some really tight approaches yesterday. I think I had -- my second nine yesterday I had three shots within a foot, so just had some nice tap-ins and some easy birdies, which is nice.

Today was a little bit more scrappy out there. I missed a few more fairways. Fortunately, a lot of them were in the first cut so you could still kind of deal with that around here. Made some great par savers when it mattered today to kind of keep momentum going and, you know, got up and down like on the 10th hole making the turn, got up and down from 125 yards and after what I thought was a good drive and it was in a bad lie and just couldn't do much with it. Just things like that where that's what kind of keeps those rounds going, keeps your momentum. A day like today easily could have been even or so; instead, kept my momentum and ended up at 4 under.

Q. You mentioned you've been dealing with a back injury for the last couple years. How good does it feel to put two really good rounds together like this?

RYAN MOORE: You know, it's nice. I did it last year at the John Deere kind of out of nowhere, something kind of similar, a place that I'm comfortable and I feel good on and it's a good course for me, it suits me. But yeah, this week is kind of nice. I just have a friend filling in as a caddie this week. I've kind of been up and down on that a little bit. You know, we just had some fun out there and enjoy ourselves and I'm just hitting some better shots.

Q. You mentioned that he also caddied for you last year at John Deere?

RYAN MOORE: I'm about to make him start caddying for me permanently apparently. Yeah, we keep doing well together for whatever reason, at least on his random fill-in weeks, so it's good.

Q. So the back injury, what exactly is it? A strain? Is it something that's going to have surgery?

RYAN MOORE: Fortunately, it's nothing I need surgery for, but it's just a very tricky spot. It's called a costovertebral joint, it's where your rib joint like meets your spine. I kind of have some chronic deterioration in there and I basically just keep spraining it over and over and over again, which you can imagine doesn't feel great twisting and swinging a golf club as

hard as I can.

There is a course of action, there's things I can do to kind of help it, I just haven't. I need a good six, eight weeks off to kind of deal with it and I'll just try to finish out the year and deal with it and then hopefully have some time coming up here to do it.

Q. This is a golf course that you know well, that you've played well at, obviously won about 13 years ago.

RYAN MOORE: Yeah. It's been a while, but yeah.

Q. How much of a comfort is that when you come and play a course that you know so well?

RYAN MOORE: I think it's a big part of it. I mean, there's certain courses -- I don't hit it long and there's just getting to be less and less golf courses I feel like I have a chance on as they keep evolving and changing them over the years. So this one still remains like more of a shotmaker's golf course, blind tee shots a lot and shorter and tougher angles. So they're just harder fairways to hit at times and they're not holes that you can just send it down there as far as you possibly can every single hole, so I think that helps me. It's more of a position golf course and you don't have to hit it far around here.

Then again, pretty precise with my irons and I have good distance control, which really matters around these greens keeping it on the proper side of the hole as much as possible. I think it's just a combination of a couple of those things that just kind of suits me.

Q. And the obligatory FedExCup question, you're pretty far back and --

RYAN MOORE: I am just not even in the frame of -- yeah, I'm so far out of it, it doesn't even matter at this point. I'm trying to do whatever I can this week. I'm just trying to gain some confidence going into next season, to be honest. Like I said, I've been dealing with this injury for a while and I know it's wrong now, I just need time to deal with it. So right now it's just trying to find a little form, a little confidence so I can find something to spring me into this fall.

Q. How recently did you figure out what it was?

RYAN MOORE: A couple months ago.