

LECOM Suncoast Classic

ROUND 1 INTERVIEW

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LOGAN McALLISTER (-8)



LOGAN McALLISTER: Yeah, the first three holes out here are probably the hardest three holes on the golf course. I made bogey on 3, kind of a bad bogey. I just told my caddie the rest of the 14 or 15, whatever was left are all birdie holes. So I didn't think I would make five in a row there going into the back nine, but I hit a lot of really close shots. Didn't really make that many 20-footers or anything, I was just hitting the ball well enough where I made a bunch of eight-footers for birdie and it added up to a good score.

Q. Thoughts on the course? I assume this is your first time here playing this?

LOGAN McALLISTER: Yeah, yeah. I mean, it's pretty forgiving off the tee, but you've got to be pretty precise with the iron shots. I'd say the pins, some of them were pretty easy today and I took advantage of the ones that you could kind of get after and played away from the ones that were a little bit tougher and just got my two putts and moved on. Yeah, the golf course is great, the greens roll awesome. Yeah, I enjoyed it today.

Q. What's the transition been like for you coming from college last year to getting thrown right into the deep end on the Korn Ferry Tour and then coming back this year right after Q-School?

LOGAN McALLISTER: Yeah, honestly, it was a pretty tough transition just kind of getting the hang of what life is like on the road. Quite frankly, I haven't played that good in the year that I've been pro, but I could feel the last few weeks kind of myself starting to get the hang of it a little bit, figuring out what I need to do on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday to be the most prepared that I can be to step up on the first tee and play a good round on Thursday. I think today kind of proved that.

Q. What did you find was like the hardest good habit to get into while you're on the road?

LOGAN McALLISTER: Oh, man, this will be a test tomorrow, but the late tee times, sometimes I force myself to wake up early. I think it's important just to wake up, go eat breakfast, go for a walk, whatever it is just to get your mind kind of working instead of rolling out of bed at 11:00 and kind of driving to the golf course, eating lunch and going through the motions. I think it's better to wake up and get moving a little bit. That's tough for me because I'd rather sleep in. Yeah, that's one of many that I've had to kind of adjust to.

Q. Did you ask anyone for advice on how to change things up on the road and what



other people did?

LOGAN McALLISTER: Yeah, as far as kind of figuring out what works for you, it's different for everyone. There have been -- all the guys from OU have given me advice and I've seen kind of what they do, but at the end of the day it's kind of what works for me because what works for me is going to be different than the other 155 guys in this field.

Q. And I think you got, is it a new roommate or just same roommate, different place?

LOGAN McALLISTER: Same roommate, different place, yeah.

Q. What's it been like living with Chris since --

LOGAN McALLISTER: It's great. We play at the same golf course, too, so we see each other probably a little bit too much. It's nice to be able to -- last year living with him in Norman, he was the Player of the Year so I was around someone that was better than me at all times and I think that's really important for growth in golf is being around people who are better than you.

Living with him for the last year and a half, whatever it's been, and getting to play up at Oak Tree with all the other guys that are out here on Tour has been awesome for me and it's kind of given the feel of a college team to some extent, which again has helped the transition a little bit just knowing that there's 10 other guys that I can text or call at any time and they'll help me out.

Q. What about the two of you just like mesh that made you kind of fast friends or roommates?

LOGAN McALLISTER: I mean, he transferred in and he needed a place to stay and I had an extra bedroom at the house I was staying at. There wasn't anything specific that like made us want to live together for a year and a half, but I think it's been a good fit because he's northeastern, I'm southern kind of Oklahoma. He's taught me things and I've taught him things in golf and in life, so it's been beneficial for both of us I think.

Q. This is a humbling sport and the last -- I mean, the beginning of the year, I mean, you did have the one top-10, but is there doubt creeping in and do you have to start like -- I mean, what's been going on the last couple months?

LOGAN McALLISTER: It's funny because you can look at a scoreboard and see like Savannah I finished bottom of the leaderboard, Chile I go and finish almost bottom of the leaderboard, Panama I do the same thing. You kind of look up and if you've just looked at that leaderboard, you don't see the whole picture.

I've really felt like I've started to play some good golf. Even last week I missed the cut by I think two or three, but I hit a lot of really good golf shots and my mind was more into it than it



has been.

Yeah, I mean, it is tough the deeper you get into kind of a missed cut streak or whatever, but yeah, I knew -- everyone knows that it's in there, it's just a matter of kind of when. I've really committed to just going through my process and trusting what it is regardless of what the score might be at the end of the day. It is very difficult and it probably took me a few weeks to understand that. Yeah, I think I'll be better for it in the future because of kind of that stretch that I've been through.

