

ROUND 2 INTERVIEW
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KYLE WESTMORELAND (-11)



Q. Kyle, another day out there, I know a lot of things are going well for you. Is there anything going into the weekend that you want to see yourself improve on?

KYLE WESTMORELAND: Yeah, I want to drive it a little bit better. It was a little bit off today, hit one out of bounds today. Really shouldn't take that on this golf course. But just want to keep doing what I'm doing, keep focusing on the short game and trying to get efficient with the game, try and be a little bit better off the tee and see if we can compete into the weekend.

Q. How does this golf course in general mesh with your playing style?

KYLE WESTMORELAND: Pretty good, pretty good, yeah. The par 5s are long. There's a few holes that are borderline reachable, which I like. You've got to chip and putt it, though. So if you're not doing that, you're not going to be able to get around this place. I like to think that I'm pretty good at those.

Q. I know a lot of the guys with Tour status may not necessarily have played this week. What about Raleigh Country Club or this event made you want to come back?

KYLE WESTMORELAND: Yeah, mostly it's close to home, it's only four hours from Charleston, where we live. I have some family nearby, so it's just an easy one to come up and do. And I like Raleigh a lot, love the city, love the town, easy to come and play.

Q. Have you played this course before this week?

KYLE WESTMORELAND: I haven't, but it's a great course and the greens are incredible.

Q. Your uncle out there, do you have any other family coming out here this week?

KYLE WESTMORELAND: No. My wife might come up the last couple days, but see if we can entice her to do so, which is awesome because we can see some friends, too. We have some friends that I used to hang out with in Charleston that now live here, it's great to see them.

Q. Just you and Kevin were in the group today. Is there any sort of frustration when you're playing well that you're in a twosome behind a threesome, like want to just get



it going but having to pace?

KYLE WESTMORELAND: I think you know that's coming when you start the day so you kind of need to be mentally prepared for it. Luckily Kevin's very easy to be around, so we had a good time. Just hung out and, you know, I won't say the term, but talked a lot and just hung out and tried to play some good golf.

Q. Why do you think you're playing so well this week?

KYLE WESTMORELAND: I think I've been working on my short game a lot, so spending a lot of time chipping and putting. I've been pretty humbled out on the PGA TOUR so far this year and I want to get better at those two aspects. So spent a lot of time at it and I think it's coming to fruition this week.

Q. And what would it mean to get a win out here?

KYLE WESTMORELAND: Oh, it would be awesome. I don't care what tour you're on, to win is a big deal. We're excited to be in the mix, get those juices flowing. Korn Ferry Tour, PGA TOUR, if you're playing good golf, you're playing good golf. Everyone can compete with everyone. It's just awesome to be out here.

Q. What do you think it's going to take to hold a lead not only tomorrow but Sunday as well?

KYLE WESTMORELAND: Yeah, I think you've got to stay patient. There's birdies out there. There's some hard holes out there, too. So making bogeys is going to happen, but you've got to be able to stay patient and trust yourself and trust that you're going to make some birdies along the way and see what happens.

Q. Can you -- livestreamed the 72nd hole the other week. Can you take us maybe through the 18th hole and maybe the challenges of it?

KYLE WESTMORELAND: The 18th hole's hard. It's -- there's bunkers very much in play for everybody with wind off the left pushing you toward the right side of the fairway and we all know there's nothing great right. It's a hard hole. You get up there, you've got to hit a tee shot. Then after that tee shot, you've got to hit a second shot. If you hit two good shots, you can have a look at birdie, but you have to work to get there. Hopefully, you know, we can play that hole well the next couple days and that will do a lot for getting us in that last group and hopefully in the mix.

