

ROUND 3 QUICK QUOTES
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RYAN MOORE (-13)



Q. What have you found lately, Ryan?

RYAN MOORE: I mean, who knows. Golf's a weird game. Just sometimes things just kind of click and start working and start feeling a little bit more comfortable. I've worked at it pretty hard this year and for whatever reason things have seemed to be just kind of falling in place these last few weeks. I don't know if it's just the end of the season and it's like, well, kind of have to do it. I don't know.

But especially the last couple days, swing felt really comfortable, setup feels really comfortable. Today was a nice day where I had kind of a chip-in early and a really long putt for eagle, just kind of got the momentum going in that right direction. Just kind of carried through the rest of the round.

Q. (No microphone.)

RYAN MOORE: Well, it's not my best two. I had a sixth place at Pebble this year and I finished I think 13th in Vegas. I've been trending lately.

I was really close to playing really good golf in Vegas, then I had a nice couple weeks off and a break to kind of keep working on what I felt there. Mexico, I hit it phenomenal but putted just horrendous. Then finally last week, hit it pretty good and putted it pretty solid on top of it, finally kind of put it together a little bit more.

Yeah, just happy to get myself back into contention a little bit, to be honest. Last week was fun, it was fun being there. Didn't have the best of Sundays, but fortunately birdied the last couple holes, got something out of that week and had a good finish.

For me, now it's just I got myself back into a golf tournament and I'm going to go try and actually win a golf tournament again.

Q. What went wrong that stretch in the middle of the season when you missed a bunch of cuts in a row?

RYAN MOORE: Yeah, it's hard to say. Just physically wasn't feeling great, wasn't moving great and, you know, if you're doing that and other aspects of your game aren't supporting and helping out, just kind of leads to that. I think that's what it was. I just was not quite as crisp tee to green at times and just not putting great on top of it. For me, it was just not great golf.

But through that whole stretch I didn't feel terrible. It's not like, oh, my gosh, I feel like I'm going to go shoot 80 today. It was close, but it just wasn't quite there a lot. It was enough to actually weirdly build some confidence. Even last week, my first round last week I think I shot 6 under. Honestly, might have been the worst tee-to-green round I had had in six months. So even still like that, sometimes kind of reminds you like hey, there's a lot of ways to shoot golf scores, there's a lot of ways to shoot 5 or 6 under. It's not just about hitting every fairway and every green, that kind of stuff. There's different ways of getting it done, so even that was a little reminder to me that just doesn't have to be perfect, just go keep, you know, keep trying to do what you can and get what you can out of it.

Q. What was the key today in particular?

RYAN MOORE: It was just a good overall solid day. I would say early I had some really nice wedges and nice irons, and then the second half of the day I felt a little loose with my iron play. But it wasn't getting me in trouble, it just wasn't quite as close to the hole as I would have liked it.

But in the end I made a 70-something footer for eagle today, I made maybe a 25-, 30-footer the hole before that, I made another maybe 25-, 30-footer on my second nine of the day. In the end it had to be the putter that made the difference, but I also missed a couple pretty darn short makeable putts for birdie.

Q. You had mentioned in Bermuda about kind of the desire and kind of struggling with that at times. Who or what would you say has motivated you to keep grinding, putting in the work to get back in these positions?

RYAN MOORE: I don't know. I've put a lot into it the last couple years physically, mentally. Just trying to get my body in a better place after getting hurt a couple years ago. It took a while to get back and just feel like myself. I've been trying to do everything I can off the golf course to make myself feel as good physically on the golf course as possible, and I mean, honestly, I think it's making a difference. Maybe just took a little longer than I hoped for for it to click, but seems to be working lately. Just for me, hopefully the momentum from these few weeks keeps carrying on and keep feeling good going forward.

Q. That top-125 number, is that in your mind at all?

RYAN MOORE: It's impossible for it not to be. I don't like being outside of that number, but at the same time, first and foremost I'm trying to go win a golf tournament and I got myself into a position where that's attainable again, right? That's my focus. Winning golf tournaments takes care of everything else, it's pretty simple.

So I got myself in a position -- I don't know where the leaders are going to end up, but at least I should be in a position where it's attainable tomorrow if I go and play a good round of golf again.

Q. How do you describe the difference between being fully exempt versus conditional status?

RYAN MOORE: It's tough. When you're conditional, you're waiting around, you're getting in tournaments last minute, it's hard to plan. For me, having a family and a lot of things I like to be home for, it's tough. You end up missing out on a lot of stuff that you don't want to miss out on. Being fully exempt, being able to plan your own schedule is huge.

But at the same time, good golf takes care of all of that and trying to go win a golf tournament tomorrow is my priority.