

ROUND 2 QUICK QUOTES
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KYLE WESTMORELAND

Q. Really solid day out there for you today. A little more benign conditions than yesterday. Take me through how it went for you.

KYLE WESTMORELAND: Yeah, it was good. There's still some wind out there. Especially here you get in the trees and it swirls a little bit. Caddie did a great job of trying to work through those numbers and trying to take as much risk out of it. There's really good tee shots out here, so played some good golf and made a few putts.

Q. Take me through the run of birdies there in the middle of the round, some of those holes, big putts, big shots that kind of highlighted some of that.

KYLE WESTMORELAND: Yeah, it was probably a combination of both. I was fortunate to have some good looks at birdie from probably inside 15 feet on those holes, and being into the wind, having birdie looks at those, it's a really big opportunity, and made a long run.

It was a good run, good momentum going into the back side. I love the back side here. It's an awesome nine-hole stretch and some good tee shots, so it's great.

Q. What hole did you make the long one on?

KYLE WESTMORELAND: I made the long one on No. 8. It was great to have that go in. Always helps the cause.

Q. What do you feel like you've learned about yourself in this last year on Tour kind of going through what you did?

KYLE WESTMORELAND: Yeah, obviously getting to come and play Q-school, I didn't do as well as I wanted to on Tour. I learned more than anything you've got to have confidence in what you're doing. Everyone plays golf different, everyone swings it different, everyone putts it different. Regardless of what you see on social media or what you're hearing, you've got to be confident in what you're doing and confident in your game and go execute.

Q. To be 7- or 8-under at this point with conditions not going to get any easier, do you feel like you just made a deposit in a bank and you've got some leeway if it gets a little difficult the next couple days?

KYLE WESTMORELAND: Not so much. To be honest, I hope it gets really difficult. It makes you have to be creative. It makes you have to hit a lot of golf shots, and anything that makes it tougher during Q-school is great, so for me it's doing what we're



doing, focusing on the shot, trying to hit the shot that the conditions call for and move forward. Foot on the pedal, right?

Q. Was this past year on the Tour with everything that's gone on in pro golf, was it kind of a strange rookie year?

KYLE WESTMORELAND: I felt super fortunate. I got to play more events than any other rookie in recent history because we had two falls. Every time you tee it up was a great time to learn. Obviously there's still going on, but for the players, for me, it's been a great experience.

I want to compete against the best, so whether that's the Korn Ferry TOUR or whatever platform we need to go through to get there, I'm excited to do it.

Q. How do you feel different this Q-school than the last one you were at a couple years ago?

KYLE WESTMORELAND: Yeah, I think every time you tee it up, you gain some more experience. I'm confident with how I play the game, confident with how I need to play this course.

I feel better than ever as far as my ability to go and execute a golf shot when I need to execute that shot.

Q. Is there a specific part of your game that had bugged you this year that you've shored up?

KYLE WESTMORELAND: Yeah, I think honestly the mental side has been a big side for me this year. It's been a big learning experience. I went from kind of playing my game to kind of playing what I thought I needed to do to compete on the PGA TOUR, and I know I'm good enough to compete, so I need to stay within myself. It's kind of been a learning process for me, and it's been humbling, and I'm excited to grow from it and get better.

Q. Is there a particular pairing that you'd had early on last season where you played with someone who's kind of a superstar stud that you thought you kind of had to play up to?

KYLE WESTMORELAND: Not so much. Honestly, I got paired with Adam Scott at Wyndham, and it was just awesome. It was awesome to see how he goes about it, how he does it. Such a nice guy and so well-spoken. Really appreciated how he goes about the game of golf.

More so than thinking I need to do that, it was more of like, hey, look how this guy handles himself on the course, and try to emulate after that.

There's a lot of great guys out there that have tried to get better, try to get better looking at or perceiving their golf game, but I think for me I think I looked more at stats. I need to do this, I need to push the ball out there a little bit more.



I've found if I get it around and play my game, I can play pretty well.

Q. Is there anything about the -- first of all, do you know the Jaguars assistant coach who played at the Air Force Academy, Chris -- he was a running back at Air Force.

KYLE WESTMORELAND: I don't, but I'll find out. Do you know what his last name is?

Q. I'm drawing a blank now. He's the wide receivers coach for the Jaguars. He played running back for Air Force.

KYLE WESTMORELAND: That's a tough spot. Chad Hall? Everyone knows Chad Hall. I didn't know he was the wide receivers coach -- how cool for the Jags.

Q. Was there anything about being a service academy graduate that helped you with the discipline of being a Tour pro, where what you had to do to get through that experience helped you?

KYLE WESTMORELAND: Yeah, absolutely. You learn how to prepare. You learn how to be disciplined in kind of what you're going about doing. To be honest, I've fallen short a little bit this year, kind of getting outside of my preparation, how I do things.

We're really just trying to focus on going back to that. Prepare, really focus on doing the things that are going to make me better throughout the week.

I'm so thankful for my service time. I wouldn't be here without it. But I can always get better.

Q. What did you do for the Air Force?

KYLE WESTMORELAND: I did finance for three years, and I went back and taught at the academy for my last two.

Q. What did you teach?

KYLE WESTMORELAND: I taught combative, so I taught boxing and basically grappling. Glorified PE teacher, but it was an awesome time for me, and I got to wear them out where I used to work.

Q. What do you think would be the best amongst your PGA TOUR peers at boxing and that physical combat besides yourself?

KYLE WESTMORELAND: I've heard Matty Schmid boxed for like three years growing up.

If you haven't done it, then it's hard. If not him, then maybe one of the Canadians that played hockey or something like that.

