

ADVENTHEALTH CHAMPIONSHIP

ROUND 3 QUOTES

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TANNER GORE (-16)

Q. Tanner, right now top of the leaderboard on your own. How are you feeling entering the final round?

TANNER GORE: You know, I'm pretty happy. I feel a lot of emotions right now. Having to Monday qualify and just being able to do that, get a spot in the field, let alone to be on top of the leaderboard after three rounds is pretty remarkable. I'm just very grateful for the opportunities.

Q. Can you take us through a little bit of your round I guess today, but then the entire week you've been steady. What's working best?

TANNER GORE: I've just kept it in the right spots, hitting the tee ball well, not really getting myself in trouble, hitting it to pretty close to makeable range and some putts have fell, like the one on 17 obviously. Kind of need some stuff like that to happen to be on top of the leaderboard. Yeah, overall my game feels good. Just trying to have fun, just relax and just enjoy it.

Q. You just mentioned having to open qualify. I guess take us through a little bit of the grind of doing that and not having those secured starts.

TANNER GORE: Yeah, man, I mean, to have conditional status is tough because you book travel late, you don't know where you're going to be in three days. You could get a call the day before. Just trying to book everything, just trying to be resilient in that way and just when the opportunity comes, just make sure that you're ready.

Q. I know you got a few starts on Americas this year. I guess before this year, kind of your career up to this point? You turned pro in 2019?

TANNER GORE: Yeah.

Q. So mini tours, I'm assuming? Kind of take us through --

TANNER GORE: Yeah, so first year out, didn't make it through. Then COVID hit. Then 2021 had conditional status, only had seven starts and kind of the All Pro Tour in between. Lost status, just did APTs, mini-tours and Mondays last year. Then got to final stage, didn't do great. Then got Americas for winning first stage of Q-School. Played the first couple in Argentina and Chile when I had the opportunity. Made the cut in Chile, helped me reshuffle. I



think since the PGA's going on some guys knocked my number out because it's not great, so I had to Monday qualify. Played well and just let the train keep rolling.

Q. You haven't been in this position before, this top of the leaderboard. Is there anything specific this week you can point to?

TANNER GORE: You know, just I worked with my mental coach, Tracy, and we kind of -- I was kind of going through it the last month or so, I was just really getting engulfed myself in golf and just making too high of expectations, almost took the joy out of the game for me.

So I sat down with her and we just figured a game plan to just go out and enjoy it and kind of whatever happens, just leave it up to God, just kind of have faith and, you know, thank God we're here, you know.

Q. How would you describe your style of play?

TANNER GORE: You know, I feel like I'm pretty good off the tee, I'm pretty straight, good iron player. I'm more of a ball-striker. Then when I get the putts rolling the game kind of falls together. I'd like to say my strength is definitely my ball-striking though, for sure.

Q. And then you mentioned earlier the long putt on 17, obviously the crowd loved it. How much does it help having some people following you and you hearing them?

TANNER GORE: Yeah, so the crowds out here, the spectators out here are awesome. I love the energy, I feed off the energy. I'm kind of like an upbeat guy myself, so whenever I get whether it's the drunk people or whoever it is, I love that. I'm just looking forward to tomorrow and just keeping it going.

Q. What started working for you on those last five holes, 13 that long birdie, 17 the eagle, and then again here on 18?

TANNER GORE: Yeah, it was kind of one of those things where I kind of felt myself get a little timid after I made bogey on 12 and I was just like, man, just let it go and just put your -- you got here for a reason, so just keep up with it. Just trusted myself more and just kind of let the reaction take over.

Q. Did you know on 17 green you were in a 12-way tie for first?

TANNER GORE: Twelve-way tie? I didn't actually, because that was the first leaderboard that I saw, going up 17. I just barely looked at it, but I didn't know there was 12 guys. It's pretty remarkable actually.

Q. It was going to be like 37 people were within three of the lead before you finished 4 under, but you still have a lot of people chasing you. Is that the mentality, you have the lead but you really don't?



TANNER GORE: Right. Everybody wants to win out here and it's not easy. I don't take that for granted at all that those guys want to beat me just as bad as I want to beat them. I think just going into tomorrow, just stick in my own bubble like I have been doing and kind of play my game. If it's good enough, great. If it's not, it's good, too.

Q. What are you most looking forward to learning about yourself tomorrow?

TANNER GORE: That's a great question. I'm just excited just to learn. I learned a lot today, first time I was in the final group or even in contention in a Korn Ferry event. You learn a lot. You have to obviously give some time to reflect, haven't really thought about it, but definitely going to be a fun experience tomorrow.

Q. When's the last time you won?

TANNER GORE: I won the APT -- well, I guess if you're counting Q-School, I won first stage, so that would be the last time.

Q. And then before?

TANNER GORE: Before then I won an APT, All Pro Tour, event in December, man, of '22 maybe. Maybe one tomorrow, we'll see

