

NV5 INVITATIONAL

ROUND 1 QUOTES

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WIL BATEMAN (-8)



Q. Great round. Sort of talk us through some of the highlights to get going.

WIL BATEMAN: Played pretty solid for the most part, drove it really well, so being in the fairway helped a lot. I was able to get to some of those pins. Yeah, just was pretty calm out there and just kind of tried to take it one shot at a time.

Q. How would you describe sort of what makes you successful on this course in particular?

WIL BATEMAN: I don't know, I like the way it looks off the tee. Yeah, a lot of cut holes for me and a couple of the draw holes I'm able to just kind of hit straight balls on those ones. Yeah, I quite like it out here. Obviously the greens are perfect and we're lucky we got a little bit more firm conditions this year. Yeah, just looking forward to tomorrow.

Q. What's it been like kind of grinding out the last couple months and trying to kind of move up the points list and things of that nature?

WIL BATEMAN: Yeah, obviously got off to a great start early in the year and feel like I've been playing really well. Even with some of those like T-50s and stuff like that, I feel like I was playing pretty good golf, just things weren't going my way. I'd drive it in the middle of the fairway, I'd be in a divot, stuff like that. And then the putts weren't falling. I feel like I got a lot out of my round today and I feel like that's been kind of the first time in a couple months here.

Q. How do you sort of fight that snowballing effect of when one thing kind of goes awry and then another? How do you sort of combat that?

WIL BATEMAN: Yeah, I think just handling it well mentally. I feel like I've gotten some practice a little bit with that the last couple months. I drove it -- actually I was 4 under through six and then I drove it right in the middle of a divot on seven. I told myself, OK, I'm not going to let this affect me, I'm going to just try and see what I can do from here. Luckily, I hit a really good shot.

Yeah, like you said, you can get into that snowball where you're missing a bunch of cuts in a row and you feel like you can never make one. And you make one and you feel like you're never going to miss one again, right? It's just the mentality.



I felt like last week was kind of a big Friday for me. Ended up shooting 1 over the first day and then played great the second day. I actually ended up shooting 8 under on my ball on Friday, but I got a one-shot penalty. So I was around the cut line and I was just sweating it obviously all Friday afternoon watching the board. But just to get myself kind of out of that couple missed cuts in a row was big.

Q. What would you say has been your happiest moment to date this year?

WIL BATEMAN: This year?

Q. Doesn't even have to be golf related, what's been your happiest moment?

WIL BATEMAN: Getting engaged, yeah. That was probably -- that was obviously an awesome day. We're getting married in December, so really looking forward to that. We have a house on the way and just, yeah, obviously life's in a really good place so it makes golf easier.

Q. Were you nervous before figuring it all out and everything?

WIL BATEMAN: Yeah, yeah, I was. It kind of -- I knew that I was going to do it on that day, but I just didn't know when. Yeah, just obviously you don't really know what to say when the time comes. You have it all planned out in your head, but yeah, obviously super happy and love her to pieces.

Q. What did you do for like the engagement? Did you go for dinner?

WIL BATEMAN: Yeah, we just did something just with us two, kind of just wanted it to be just me and her. Yeah, it worked out really well. And obviously she was super happy. Just got obviously a great support group with her family and my family, and my mom and her get along really well so that's awesome. Yeah, just happy.

Q. Is there a dog with you today? Do you have your dog here?

WIL BATEMAN: Yeah, yeah, Carter. Yeah, that's another thing, too. I'm obviously fortunate to have him out here. I felt like even last week when I didn't play great on Thursday, I felt like I came home to him and he's always happy. He's just a happy dude. Yeah, just having him out there is great. Looking over and he's just watching squirrels and chasing bunnies and stuff like that puts me in a good mindset.

Q. How old is Carter?

WIL BATEMAN: Five.

