

ALBERTSONS BOISE OPEN

ROUND 1 QUOTES

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KYLE WESTMORELAND (-8)

Q. Great round, 63. Just walk me through some of the highlights today.

KYLE WESTMORELAND: Yeah, got off to a good start, eagled the first hole, or No. 10, so always helps the cause when you do that. Really just kind of give yourself as many looks as possible and take advantage of the drivable par 4s and the short par 5s.

Q. What's this course like for you being on probably the shorter side and you're one of the longer guys? Is that a unique challenge for you?

KYLE WESTMORELAND: Yeah, anyone can score great out here. You basically -- the formula is take care of the short holes and play the tougher holes, you know, even par or better and you'll be all right. It's kind of the greens are in perfect shape this year, the rough's in great shape. It's a great spot.

Q. On the bubble again coming down to the last four, is this just kind of a position you're a little more comfortable in this time compared to 2022?

KYLE WESTMORELAND: You know what, I think it's more so just golf in general, right? You get more experience every time you tee it up, you sharpen that edge and understand your game. It's just getting out here and continuing to do what I do and try to play the best golf I can and we'll see where that takes me. I think worrying about where you are week to week can be an emotional rollercoaster, so I think just try and invest in the process, get better each day and keep teeing it up.

Q. Just in general, like week to week, how much different has this felt compared to kind of your first time around in 2022?

KYLE WESTMORELAND: Yeah, definitely different. You know most of the courses out here. There's a few I hadn't played, but pretty much know what you're getting yourself into each week, know what needs to happen in order to contend on the weekend, so it's been great.

Q. And a new dad now, what was sort of just the initial week like, everything, some time off and then getting back out here?

KYLE WESTMORELAND: He's 10 weeks old. I think I took five weeks off. Not many sports you're able to take some time off like that. Out here you see yourself, you get the text at the



end of the week saying you're dropping in ranking or whatever, but he was awesome and I wouldn't trade it for anything to be able to be home with him and experience his first weeks of life. Wife's doing great, so those two really make this possible. Really appreciate the team, whole team's been great, very positive on the process. These starts are about quality over quantity. When you get in, try to do the best you can and move forward.

Q. What's been like the most unexpected thing that's happened in these 10 weeks?

KYLE WESTMORELAND: Well, I got pooped on about day two. I mean, you name it. I think I'm like a 36 handicap when it comes -- I started out as like a 36 handicap when it comes to being a dad and I'd say I'm like a 31 right now. So we're getting better, but a ton of unexpected stuff.

I think on the golf side, took a couple high numbers here and there. It's just been great. I think the balance, the work-life balance is awesome. I really enjoy being a dad and playing golf. He traveled last week for the first time, which was an awesome experience for us. He did great, so helps the cause. It's been good. I'm so thankful that they're healthy, doing great and able to do this.

