

## THE BAHAMAS GREAT ABACO CLASSIC AT THE ABACO CLUB

**ROUND 1 QUOTES**  
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**TANNER GORE**

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**Q. Tanner, 4-under 68 today, nice round. What was working well with your game?**

**TANNER GORE:** I drove it really well today. I feel like you kind of have to do that on this golf course, keep it in play. And I just gave myself a lot of looks, not really firing for pins.

I think another thing is you can't be short sided out here. Gave myself a lot of looks, rolled some in, played the par 5s well, had two eagles today. Yeah, just kind of a ball-striking day, which was nice.

**Q. Second event of the year, just how do you feel about the game coming into this season?**

**TANNER GORE:** It feels good. I feel like -- I didn't go to Q-School, I took some time off, just kind of reset. I thought that that was really nice for my mental and for physical, you know, working hard in the gym and stuff like that. I feel like my game's in a good spot.

**Q. Did you do anything or go anywhere during that time off?**

**TANNER GORE:** Yeah, you know, I went on a cruise with my family, went to Thanksgiving with my fiancée's family. Just spent a lot of time around them, which I'm really grateful for.

**Q. Where was the cruise to?**

**TANNER GORE:** We went to St. Thomas and Tortola, British Virgin Islands. That water there, it's like this, it's nice.

**Q. And I guess kind of looking back at last year, what were kind of your takeaways at the end of last year that you're kind of moving into, maybe improve upon this season?**

**TANNER GORE:** Yeah, I saw that I didn't really hit my driver well last year. Made a change from the GT to the Mizuno driver and I feel like that that one is just as good. It's a little -- dispersion is tighter.

But I feel like it was a lot of short game as well, just getting the ball in the hole. Chipping and putting, you can always improve in those areas. One, just driving it well and then just hammering down the short game.



**Q. Obviously end of the year goal down the road's a PGA TOUR card, but do you have any other goals coming into this year that you kind of want to accomplish?**

**TANNER GORE:** Yeah, I'd love to win out here. I lost in a playoff last year to Harry Higgs and I got a taste of feeling something, feeling that contention and it's a great feeling. So just getting back there. And obviously PGA TOUR card is number one, but getting a win as well.

**Q. And what are your thoughts on this course and kind of what makes it kind of a special place?**

**TANNER GORE:** Yeah, this place is awesome. It's really lush. I feel like you get a bunch of crosswinds so it's never really like into the wind or downwind, it's kind of just cross. A lot of character, I feel like every hole is different. Yeah, I mean, this place is just really good.

**Q. Do you have a favorite hole out here?**

**TANNER GORE:** Man, I would have to say I really like 17 just from the view of 17 and 18, it's just so nice.

**Q. And how do you feel like the wind's kind of been affecting guys this first round today?**

**TANNER GORE:** Like I said, you get those crosswinds and you're having to start them over the hazards or over the ocean. Having the trust, that's hard. It's not like you're aiming down the fairways and stuff. So once you can kind of get past that mental hurdle of just hey, trust yourself and kind of get out there and do it, I think that, you know, you can do it.

**Q. Are you staying on property this week?**

**TANNER GORE:** I'm not. I'm staying up in the town. I'm actually on a yacht, which is pretty nice. One of my sponsors helped me out this week.

**Q. Staying with anyone else out there?**

**TANNER GORE:** Cooper, Cooper Dossey and his wife and his caddie.

