

LECOM Suncoast Classic

ROUND 1 INTERVIEW

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TANNER GORE (-9)



2Q. All right, Tanner, bogey free 9 under today. Just talk to me about how the day went.

TANNER GORE: Yeah, so it was great. Got off to a good start, birdied 2, 3 and 4. And I feel like 2 and 3 were -- I'm stealing one there, so I can kind of ease into the rest of the day because the middle of the round the course gets a little easier so you can kind of just cruise from there. Overall was really pleased with the way I played obviously.

Q. We were on I think 59 watch for a little bit there. Was that going through your brain at all going through the round?

TANNER GORE: Yeah, a little bit, like I obviously knew where I was, and I was 8 under through 11. I just tried to stay as present as I could, just whether it was breathing or just something to keep me in the moment so I didn't think about that, get too ahead of myself. I thought I did a really good job of keeping that composure.

Q. What was working best out there for you today? The putter was hot?

TANNER GORE: Yeah, the putter was hot but I would say probably my irons, I hit 'em pretty close all day, put myself in great spots, good looks. And obviously the putter was good. Just yeah, just rolled 'em in.

Q. First full year out here, right?

TANNER GORE: Yeah.

Q. So have you kind of taken anything from last year to this year, first full year to capitalize on that?

TANNER GORE: Yeah, absolutely. It's a lot easier now just because I feel like I'm not a week to week. You know, being conditional, it's, you know, that you're playing the events, you know, so it takes some stress off of you where now I can kind of just go play golf and I feel like that kind of frees me up every week.

Q. What did you learn from last year? Obviously in Kansas City you came so close to winning that one.

TANNER GORE: Yeah.

Q. But what did you learn from those events to take to this year?

TANNER GORE: Yeah, I just feel like I just saw kind of like what my game needed to work on, like I needed to work on. All the guys out here are great, scores are super low week in, week out. So I just really focused on short game because I'd say my strength is ball-striking, but out here I feel like you really need to make the putts because it's 20 plus under every week. So I just hammered down my short game in the offseason, so I'm just hoping to reap those rewards.

Q. Got a couple of good first rounds this year but haven't been able to convert on them. What are you going to try to do differently the next couple days?

TANNER GORE: Like I said, just stay present, be in the moment. I've put three good rounds together instead of four, shooting even and then just kind of getting lapped. So just not getting ahead of myself, just be in my own bubble, just do my own thing and don't let kind of -- control the things I can control, I feel I can just do that the best great.

Can I say one thing? Yesterday -- so this round was for my Uncle Greg. I hope he's watching and I hope he's happy. Sorry. Didn't want to do that, but just emotional. That's all I needed to say.