

UTAH CHAMPIONSHIP

ROUND 2 QUICK QUOTES

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TAYLOR MONTGOMERY (-14)

Q. Taylor, another great round again. Just what's really working this week for you?

TAYLOR MONTGOMERY: Thank you. Yeah, just played solid. Got off to a really good start, birdied the first four holes, so that was nice.

Played just -- drove it really well, hit a lot of good quality iron shots and two-putted on some longer putts, but other than that I've just been playing really solid the last two days.

Q. Is it tricky at all adjusting to the elevation that you play at here compared to I'm sure where you practice most of the time?

TAYLOR MONTGOMERY: Yeah, I mean, Vegas is pretty high elevation too compared to like most of the places we play, but this is another level. I've always thought like mountain golf is like the wedge game makes it a lot harder, just the lies you get in the fairway, controlling the spin, and then you're hitting into like firm-ish kind of poa so they kind of bounce a lot. You've got to be able to control your distance and spin really well out here if you want to hit a lot of wedges close.

Q. Anything fun or interesting you chatted about with dad today?

TAYLOR MONTGOMERY: No, not really. No, it was pretty -- it was an early wake-up call this morning, had an hour drive up here, so I think we're ready for a nap.

Q. So where are you staying this week?

TAYLOR MONTGOMERY: Staying at my uncle's house, it's in Riverton about an hour away.

Q. What's the big plan for the afternoon then since you're going to have a long --

TAYLOR MONTGOMERY: I don't know. Probably just grab some lunch, head back home, hang with the family.

Q. Fishing excursion or anything?

TAYLOR MONTGOMERY: No. We went Wednesday. Instead of a practice round, we went fishing. Maybe I should do that more often.

Q. You graduated before but you haven't won out here, so what do you think it's going to take on the weekend for you to get that breakthrough win?

TAYLOR MONTGOMERY: Yeah, it's going to take a couple low numbers, for sure. I mean, it doesn't matter if you're Korn Ferry or PGA, obviously there's a lot better golfers on the PGA TOUR like overall, but to win on both tours you have to be playing top-notch golf. I mean, somebody in the Korn Ferry or the PGA TOUR is going to play really well, so you're going to have to shoot a low number on the weekend.

Q. How meaningful is it to win on a tour like this?

TAYLOR MONTGOMERY: Oh, it's massive. The only thing that's held me back in the past is probably like a little bit of ball-striking, and then obviously when you're in the heat of the battle, a little bit of it's mental. But I'm excited, it's always fun to play in the final groups going into the weekend.

Q. What's the coolest part about winning a golf tournament?

TAYLOR MONTGOMERY: It's everything that you work for. You're not going to go out to practice and finish second. I mean, yeah, it means everything. Like I've always been competitive so it doesn't matter if it's playing golf or playing a video game or whatever it is, I want to win. Sometimes it might be too much of trying to win instead of just going through the motions and letting it happen.

Q. What do you think the hardest part of this weekend's going to be?

TAYLOR MONTGOMERY: Probably staying patient, that's the hardest part I've had with golf and kind of closing out a tournament. I did it really well in mini tour stuff, but obviously haven't done it out here and on the PGA TOUR yet.

Golf is over four days, so it's such a long process, whereas like when I played basketball it was like you're playing for an hour or two and then mentally it's kind of over and you prepare for the next game and go on, whereas golf like you can have three bad holes and it will just wipe you right out of the tournament and you're like, well, I played great for the other 20 hours that I was out there but those three holes just kicked me down the leaderboard.

Q. What do you think the easiest thing to do this weekend will be?

TAYLOR MONTGOMERY: The easiest? I don't know. Hopefully, waking up.

Q. And then the last one is just you played with Daniel the first two days. I imagine there's been some decent crowds kind of following you with Daniel?

TAYLOR MONTGOMERY: Oh, yeah. Obviously the Summerhays family is a big name in

Utah and it should be. I mean, they're great people, every single one of them has been very nice to me. Obviously I talked to Boyd a little bit, he's great, and his son Preston, he's been playing a lot in the tournaments I've been playing in. It's really cool to see how Preston has kind of come up to the Korn Ferry and going to the PGA. He's got a hell of a game, and the Summerhays family is just really cool.