



**RYAN MOORE ( -6)**

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**RYAN MOORE:** I've been putting a lot of good work in the last couple weeks and I feel like it's starting to come around. I felt like myself out there a little bit more today. Drove the ball kind of the way I want to drive it, which on a golf course like this, that's what you have to do.

**Q. Your putting stance, are you more upright than you used to be? You seem like you're more straight up and your feet are really close together.**

**RYAN MOORE:** Yeah, that's actually an adjustment I made this week. I would say it's a little bit more like I used to putt a long time ago, almost college, amateur days, a little bit more upright. So I kind of went and built a putter that visually looked right to set up that way to it and I've been working on that hard this week and just feeling honestly a lot more comfortable visually over the golf ball, seeing my line a little bit better, which is I kind of feel like where I've been struggling lately.

**Q. Ryan, seven birdies, an opening round of 65. How would you characterize day one here for you at the 3M Open?**

**RYAN MOORE:** It was a very solid round of golf. Hit it well off the tee, kept it in play really well, missed it in the right spots, hit some great iron shots, a couple great second shots into par 5s. I had a lot of good scoring opportunities. I was able -- it was a very stress-free round of golf, which I haven't had a lot of those lately, so it was nice. It felt good to feel like almost a little disappointed to have shot 6 under today, I felt like I left a few out there. But it was perfect scoring conditions, it was perfect weather this morning, a light breeze, so just hit some good shots early and actually made a couple good putts and I felt comfortable.

**Q. Your fifth start back since the resumption of play, you missed the first three cuts. How have you tried to get back into that playing mode after the hiatus for all of us?**

**RYAN MOORE:** Well, I felt like I was pretty ready to go into those first three and the game kind of just wasn't there. It was close, but it wasn't there. So took a couple weeks off to kind of figure things out before the Memorial last week and I feel like I was close there with quite a few things, but just didn't quite click. Then had a few days of practice here to kind of narrow that down to what I feel like I really need to do and just felt a lot more comfortable today with the driver, with irons into greens. A couple nice shots on the par 5s with fairway woods, kind of been struggling in that department. So it was kind of all of the little things just kind of started working a little bit better today and just kind of added up to lots of great scoring opportunities.

**Q. When you come back to the state of Minnesota, four years ago, part of the**

**victorious Ryder Cup team, what are the vibes and feelings like when you realize what you and this squad accomplished in 2016?**

**RYAN MOORE:** I have quite a bit of positives here. I also won a U.S. Amateur Public Links here in town and also the Ryder Cup, so I've played some good golf around here. I'm not sure why, but obviously have some great memories with both and it's always an area I look forward to coming to.

**Q. Do you remember much about the Publinx way back in 2004?**

**RYAN MOORE:** I do, yeah. Weirdly enough, I do remember that one pretty well. Rush Creek was the golf course. I made a lot of birdies, that's all I remember. It was probably my best golf I played that entire summer, and I won quite a few tournaments that summer, but I just played tee to green some of the best golf I've played. Like I said, made a lot of birdies and put some guys to bed pretty early in some of those matches.

**Q. That's an historic summer for you, wasn't it?**

**RYAN MOORE:** It was, yeah, so that was obviously a big part of it to keep that momentum and play well.

**Q. Can good feelings about a place carry over to the course?**

**RYAN MOORE:** I mean, sure, but I missed the cut last year and I had good feelings about this area then. It's nice to go to areas, for me, I'm Pacific Northwest, so similar grass, similar climate in a way. There's things that you like about areas and it has more to do with the grass and the way the golf course is played, some of that stuff more so than maybe the area in general.

**Q. What do you remember most about being the guy who clinched the Ryder Cup?**

**RYAN MOORE:** That's all a blur. Actually, I probably remember less of that than I remember of the Publinx, but obviously it was an amazing week. It was a whirlwind for me the way it kind of all happened, but it's something I'll remember forever and I was just lucky to be a part of it.

**Q. Do you go back to watch that much at all?**

**RYAN MOORE:** No, actually I really haven't. I like my memories to kind of stay how they are. I remember it well.