

**ROUND 4 INTERVIEW**  
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**TAYLOR MOORE (-27)**

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**Q. Congratulations on your first win on the Korn Ferry Tour. Just initial emotions out here?**

**TAYLOR MOORE:** Yeah, just a ton of excitement obviously. Been trying to get a win out here for four or five seasons and to finally get it done means a lot. It's even just icing on the cake for me that I locked up my first Tour card as well. All in all, a great day. I had an awesome day out there, bogey free, did exactly what I wanted to do and I was able to get it done.

**Q. Can you talk about that last part a little more? I mean, locking up your PGA TOUR card, I'm sure that's a dream of yours since you were a kid playing golf. Just what does it mean to be reaching that pinnacle?**

**TAYLOR MOORE:** Yeah, it's awesome. It's why I do what I do day in and day out. I made the decision to do this game at 14 years old and I've worked every day to be on the PGA TOUR and to be one of the top players in the world and this is a step in the right direction. I'm just really, really excited to keep playing well and get started on the Tour next year.

**Q. And then today, how did you deal with the pressure? Was there any kind of turning point in the round where it felt like it was your day to get it done?**

**TAYLOR MOORE:** You know, Erik made eagle on 16. I think I had a two-shot lead with two to play, so I had some work to do. I needed to hit some quality shots coming in.

I was just really in good rhythm early. I hit a bunch of good shots to start my day out, turned at 3 under, was just hitting a bunch of quality shots and when I did get in trouble, I found a way to get it done. Yeah, just played the way I wanted to. I envisioned it going this way and was able to execute it.

**Q. Back-to-back Razorback winners on the Korn Ferry Tour. When's the last time do you think that happened?**

**TAYLOR MOORE:** Shoot, I don't know. You guys probably know better than me, but I think it's probably been a while.

**Q. Did you talk to Tad at all about his win last week?**

**TAYLOR MOORE:** I played with him the final round. I saw him on the range. Obviously told him congrats, but I saw him on the range this week and told him congrats again and

awesome playing. I actually, funny enough, I saw him when I was rolling up here on the chipping green and he gave me a thumbs up and head nod, wished me good luck. I was happy for him last week to get it done and I hope he's the same for me this week.

**Q. And mentions in your profile a bit about having to kind of make a decision between golf and baseball. When did that decision occur and how close were you to playing baseball collegiately?**

**TAYLOR MOORE:** I was very close. I was going to some pretty high-level camps at 14 years old for baseball. Growing up, my dad was a high school and college baseball coach. It was just second nature for me and I loved the game. For whatever reason, deep down I made the decision to play golf and quit baseball. Yeah, I just like being in control, I like winning and losing on my own, I like everything that happens is on me and I love that part of the game. I decided to go with golf.

**Q. Feels like you made the right decision, right?**

**TAYLOR MOORE:** Yeah, working out so far.

**Q. If you had to pick one key from this week, what would it be?**

**TAYLOR MOORE:** I would say putter. I rolled the ball really well, was really comfortable on these greens, made a bunch of key putts. I think I had one bogey on the week and was excited to not three-putt 17. I hit that first one a little hard and was able to clutch up and drain that next one. I just put a bunch of good rolls on it this week and was really pleased obviously to shoot 27 under. The putter served me well.

**Q. Did this week kind of -- the guys on this tour, it seems so deep. I think 63 guys got to double digits under par. How would you describe the level of competition on this tour and what you've seen?**

**TAYLOR MOORE:** Extremely strong and getting better. I mean, I'd say I was probably one of the longer hitters when I first came out of school and I think I average about the same if not longer and I think I'm about 40th on the driving distance, so the game's just kind of going that way. Kids coming out of school are just getting better and better. Yeah, I think it's obviously a deep tour with the scores you see every week and I think that in my opinion it's the second best tour in the world top to bottom. It's tough to win out here. Very thankful to get it done this week.

**Q. You've been (inaudible) the entire time you've been in contention the last few years. Just the emotion of finally being on that stage and getting this win out here, what is that emotion like?**

**TAYLOR MOORE:** It hasn't really sunk in yet. I was just so proud of how I handled myself today out there. I was really calm, I was in my bubble, just doing my thing. Just another

round of golf and it just happened to add up to a win, so that's really the mind frame I was in. I'm sure I'll -- my phone's blowing up in my back pocket, so everybody else is excited. I'm very excited, but I'm sure it will sink in at a later moment.

**Q. What were you thinking about like on the walk to scoring, everybody congratulating you?**

**TAYLOR MOORE:** That was sick, that was a lot of fun. I have some buddies out here, some caddies spraying me with some beer and celebrating a little bit. That was cool. It was a cool moment for me. It's something obviously that you work for and you want to happen week in and week out and why we come out and do what we do every day, so that was pretty cool.

**Q. What was the hardest thing about (inaudible)?**

**TAYLOR MOORE:** Just controlling myself, honestly. I was pretty jacked up last week having a tie for the lead going into the last round. Today I just wanted to kind of give myself some more time and just get myself in a really calm space before I teed off. I was really able to do that and get into the flow of the round early and just go out and do my deal, play my game, hit the shots that I had in my head and roll in a few putts.

**Q. How does that putt on 17 rank in your career? That very well could have gone two ways. It went your way. It could have gone down to one shot.**

**TAYLOR MOORE:** Yeah, it's definitely the most clutch putt I've made in recent memory, I think. I wanted to make sure I got the first putt there so I could see the line a little bit, and it went a little further by than I would like. Yeah, super clutch, went right in the middle. I was very pleased with that. I think it kind of killed momentum for Erik as well. Fortunate to see that go in and obviously gave me a little bit of a cushion on 18.

**Q. Birdie putt on No. 4 (inaudible) you had the whole string of pars after that and (inaudible) No. 13.**

**TAYLOR MOORE:** Yeah, made that putt on 4. No. 5 was a really good putt. And yeah, 13 was a par-5. Yeah, I hit not a great tee ball there, got it back out in the fairway, had a really comfortable number with wedge and hit a quality shot there and gave myself eight feet right up the hill and buried it.

So yeah, I mean, I knew there was going to be some low scores today. The wind kind of died down on our back nine. Looking at the board, 63, 63, 64, so it was out there. I knew I couldn't just coast my way in, I knew I kind of had to hit some shots and make some putts and take advantage of those two par 5s on the back nine. I was fortunate to do that.

**Q. (No microphone.)**

**TAYLOR MOORE:** Yeah, I think off the tee it's not super demanding. For us, we were really comfortable with driver and I think the conditions this week really softened it up. I've played here in years past where it's really firm and fast and you really have to think about the ball coming out of the rough or even the ball coming into the green on some front pins and really try to get it in a good spot where you're uphill constantly. Fortunately, with the weather this week, it just softened it up completely and we had ball in hand all week and that's why you saw some scores being a little bit lower.

**Q. We've touched on that before, but the collapse a couple years ago, kind of what's in your head? Are you thinking back-to-back having secured your Tour card and the win out here, having had that experience, do you appreciate kind of life and being (inaudible)?**

**TAYLOR MOORE:** Yeah, for sure. That was obviously a scary deal at the time. I know we talked about it a little bit. Just gave me a new perspective on life and golf and how I wanted to kind of live my life. Yeah, to come from that in March of '19, locking up my Tour card today has been a work in progress. I had a frustrating '20 and made some changes this offseason and it's paid off and I really like the place I'm in. Yeah, just super stoked to be here now in front of you guys talking about a win.

**Q. Did you ever have any doubts in your mind whether you would get your PGA TOUR card?**

**TAYLOR MOORE:** No, I didn't. I really didn't. I didn't know time-wise what it would take, but I knew I belong out there, I knew I was going to get it done at some point and I just had to accept the fact I wasn't there yet. I was on this tour and that's where my mind and emotions need to be and I needed to focus on where I was at, and I think once I bought into that, it's allowed me to take this step forward and play some quality golf.

**Q. How cool is it just, lastly having to have the opportunity to do this, to play golf and be out here?**

**TAYLOR MOORE:** Yeah, it's amazing. It's probably something that a lot of us out here take for granted week in and week out. Just super thankful and really blessed to be able to play this game for a living and do what I do.