

**PRE-TOURNAMENT INTERVIEW**  
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**TRENT PHILLIPS**

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**JACK RYAN:** We would like to welcome Trent Phillips into the interview room at the 2022 Wyndham Championship. Trent's playing on a sponsor exemption, recent graduate from the University of Georgia where he was a four-time All-American.

Trent, how does it feel to be playing here, your first start as a professional on the PGA Tour?

**TRENT PHILLIPS:** Yeah, it's great. I'm excited. Been waiting to play pro golf my entire life. Getting to leave from Georgia, a great school, obviously was kind of sad in itself. My senior year going out not having the best showing at the Natty. But yeah, I'm really excited to be a professional and be playing on this tour this week is great.

**JACK RYAN:** Winner of the 2017 AJGA Wyndham Invitational here at Sedgefield, must be pretty familiar with this place, a place you had some success.

**TRENT PHILLIPS:** Yeah, that tournament was always fun to come up and play. It was one of the harder invitationals if I remember correctly. Course was probably a little shorter. I was playing yesterday remembering I hit a lot of shorter clubs off the tee than I had to this week. It's a little more drivers if you want to get it out there where you have a scorable club in. Yeah, I'll definitely try to draw back on some of those memories of playing well and hopefully that will do me good this week.

**JACK RYAN:** Three top-5s this summer on PGA Tour Canada. You got there via PGA Tour University. What's your experience been like up there?

**TRENT PHILLIPS:** It's tough. I've actually never been out of the country to any country, so going to Canada, you know, it's not much different than the United States, but it's definitely a little different getting out of the country and being on your own. Gladly, I had my brother traveling with me and on the bag making time a little easier up there. Yeah, Canada's been great and been playing pretty well.

**Q. Has there been like a "Welcome to the Tour" moment this week?**

**TRENT PHILLIPS:** You know, not really. Out here you just -- everybody's kind of in their own little world, and as expected, they probably don't know who I am. So yeah, I'm just here, I'm just trying to have fun and enjoy my experience and play as well as I can. But no, no "Welcome to the Tour" moments just yet.

**Q. Can you describe how you found out about the sponsor exemption and how that all came about?**

**TRENT PHILLIPS:** Yeah. So I've known of Mark Brazil quite some time, since I won the AJGA here, and my agent Mike here helped me out a lot getting the spot, being in touch with Mark. Yeah, Mark reached out to me and let me know I was in the tournament, which is great, and I was excited.

**Q. Did I see you out playing with Cole Hammer?**

**TRENT PHILLIPS:** You did, yes.

**Q. Are you guys friends? What was it like playing a practice round on a Tuesday at a PGA Tour event?**

**TRENT PHILLIPS:** He asked me if I wanted to play not this morning, last night. I was like, sure. I don't know a lot of these guys. I know a lot of the Georgia guys. Coming out here it's nice to see familiar faces, just kind of get comfortable. I don't know, it was nice being able to play with somebody I grew up playing college golf with, playing junior golf with. It was definitely comforting. I'm sure it was for him as well.

**Q. When you were playing that practice round, did memories come back from the AJGA event or did you say how did I -- well, you know, just what was it like? What's your comfort level here?**

**TRENT PHILLIPS:** Yeah, I haven't been here -- I don't know what year that was, I think probably at least five or six years ago. I haven't been here since then, but this place is awesome. I've seen it on TV. It's great, I love being here. It's one of my favorite courses. Obviously anytime you win on a golf course you're going to say that. Yeah, it's fun and I'm ready for the week.

**Q. A lot of fellow Georgia Bulldog alums in the field. Are there any players you've reached out to for advice or reached out to you, or I guess even players outside of Georgia?**

**TRENT PHILLIPS:** As I touched on before, I don't know a ton of these guys personally. I know some of the Georgia guys and I play with them a lot. I really haven't asked for much advice and they haven't really reached out for much advice. I don't know. Maybe -- I see Brendon Todd and people like that in Georgia at our facility a lot, so maybe he thinks I'm just supposed to be comfortable out here without giving any advice, I don't know. Yeah, not a ton of advice, but maybe that's on me for not reaching out. I'm going to blame myself on that one.

**Q. For those unfamiliar with your game, how would you describe it?**

**TRENT PHILLIPS:** Creative, I would say. I can hit a lot of shots depending on how I'm swinging it that day. One day I may see this shape or that shape and the next day it may be

the exact opposite, but one thing I can always lean on is my creativity and my short game, which on tour is really big.

**Q. You said you've never been out of the country before going to Canada. Do you know of any plans you have for the rest of the year to maybe go outside of North America?**

**TRENT PHILLIPS:** Not that I know of. I want to get over to Europe and see how that is playing golf over there, but no, no plans as of just yet of going over there, just Canada.

**Q. I'm sure as you continue your journey you'll see lots of other places.**

**TRENT PHILLIPS:** Yeah.

**Q. What are your expectations for the week? I know you don't want to put a lot of pressure on yourself, but what would constitute a great week for you?**

**TRENT PHILLIPS:** Just getting out there and hitting the shots and playing as if I was playing any other golf tournament would be a good week for me. This is my first week. I'm not trying to jump the gun and feel like I should finish top-10, that's just a little overwhelming expecting too much of yourself. I'm young, I'm 22. A good week for me is coming out here and not being afraid to hit the shots I know I can hit. If I hit a bad shot, I can live with it as long as I'm committed to hitting that shot. Just kind of watching how that plays out will tell me a lot about how my week went, to be honest with you.