

**ROUND 3 INTERVIEW**  
**November 12, 2022**



**BEN TAYLOR (-11)**

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**Q. Ben, considering the conditions today, how good is that 65?**

**BEN TAYLOR:** Yeah, I mean, that was obviously a very good round of golf. It was super windy. There was some shots, I mean, we were playing some of them 40 yards longer than the number and I think we did a good job balancing the wind and the cool temperatures, calculating what both of those things were going to do to the ball. Hit some great shots, holed some quality putts and super happy with 65.

**Q. If I'm not mistaken, seven of your eight greens you had one-putt greens.**

**BEN TAYLOR:** Yeah, I had a few different ones, but I didn't even realize, honestly. I had a few chips off the green that I elected to putt, so obviously statistically those would be one-putts. But it was a grind out there today, that was not easy and super happy with the result.

**Q. What was the main thing that you focused on today knowing how difficult the conditions were going to be?**

**BEN TAYLOR:** We knew we had to stay very patient. You might be able to make a birdie or two, but you know there could be a hiccup around the corner. We made one bogey which was on the 10th and that was actually one of the easiest shots, it was in the middle of the fairway. We certainly stole a couple out there and we hit some great shots and we capitalized when we could and it was nice to steal one of the last two for 65.

**Q. Ben, that last birdie, was that a little bit of a warning shot for Tony, making him think a little bit tonight?**

**BEN TAYLOR:** I'm sure he's had a few warning shots in his career, so let's hope so. It was nice to sneak it past that pin at the last because being downwind, putting from the middle of that green is not easy. We put it in a perfect spot, knew it was a slow put that would turn a lot and that was nice to steal a birdie at the last.

**Q. It would seem -- we haven't talked to Tony yet, of course -- that he was playing pretty cautiously today, which you can do with a four-shot lead. Was that a good move, or what do you think?**

**BEN TAYLOR:** From Tony?

**Q. From Tony. Do you think he did what he should have done?**



**BEN TAYLOR:** Yeah, he's a world-class ball-striker, that guy, so I'm sure he was able to handle the wind as good as anyone else could. He's had some career, so I look forward to playing with him tomorrow. Hopefully the weather will be a little kinder to us.

**Q. Justin said, though, there really are 20 guys that could still be in this tournament.**

**BEN TAYLOR:** Yeah.

**Q. It's kind of up to Tony as to how many will be in the tournament tomorrow?**

**BEN TAYLOR:** Yeah, for sure. I mean, it's when you get conditions like this, anything can happen, right? There's some low scores out there today that would prove that so I think we will be in for a good Sunday.

**Q. Have you ever played a tournament where it could be so warm in the first round and so cold in the third?**

**BEN TAYLOR:** Not for a while.

**Q. You kind of had an up-and-down PGA TOUR, Korn Ferry Tour in your career. Is there something tomorrow that you're going to kind of lean on in your past, kind of lean that will hopefully help you bring home a trophy?**

**BEN TAYLOR:** Sure. I've certainly had a much more level head on my shoulders this past season. I did two years on the PGA TOUR, back to the Korn Ferry and had a very consistent year. I kind of swallowed a bit of humble pie and realized I had to go back to the Korn Ferry Tour and I think my game and my well being is in a much better place having gone through that. To me, tomorrow's not going to be any different. I'm still very grateful to be here, I'm playing good golf, I know I deserve to be here. We'll go out tomorrow and have some fun.

**Q. Did you learn something going back down to the Korn Ferry Tour?**

**BEN TAYLOR:** For sure, yeah. I learned that the Korn Ferry players are still exceptionally good at golf. It was nice that I had full status going to the Korn Ferry. There's a lot of guys in position where you don't even have a full card on that tour and it's tough to accept. It was good for me to go out there, have a full schedule, kind of grow some more roots before I came back.

And it's no surprise I'm in this position, I've worked very hard to get to it. So tomorrow's just another day for me. We'll go out there and try and have some more fun.

