#### THE BAHAMAS GREAT ABACO CLASSIC

### ROUND 1 QUOTES January 21, 2024

### **KYLE WESTMORELAND (-6)**



Q. All right, Kyle. Obviously windy conditions but got to be pretty happy with the first round 6 under.

**KYLE WESTMORELAND:** Yeah, yeah. I mean, it was great, great today. It played hard, everything you want, you know. You come to paradise and you expect for it to be windy here, so we got it today and I think we're going to get it the rest of the way in, too. Just one round down and three to go.

Q. Was there an eagle on, was it 5?

**KYLE WESTMORELAND:** Yeah.

Q. Can you take us through that hole and what happened there?

**KYLE WESTMORELAND:** Yeah, it helped the cause. I mean, I bogeyed the last two holes, so to bogey two holes in a row then follow up with an eagle really helped the momentum of the day. It was just a good shot. Thankful for that and kind of built on it the rest of the day.

Q. You always seem to be even keeled and the same through and through. Is that would you say one of the strengths, I guess the mental game? Like you're saying, back-to-back bogeys and then boom, eagle to cancel it out.

**KYLE WESTMORELAND:** Yeah. I mean, for me it's the best way for me to play. I'm not a guy that does well riding the ups and downs, so I like to stay pretty even keel and enjoy my time out there. I think everyone's different, but for me that's what works best.

Q. Solo fifth last week and now at the top of the leaderboard at the moment. Obviously the game's in a good spot. Is there anything you did maybe during the break to kind of change or tweak that you feel has made a good difference?

**KYLE WESTMORELAND:** Yeah, I think we continue to work on it. Last year I learned a lot and at the end of the season my game started to trend in a nice direction. kind of working on the mental side as well as some technical things as well. It's been an awesome time for me. I loved Q-School and I feel like it prepared us well for windy conditions and so definitely been playing good for a while now.

Q. Not very often you hear someone say they loved Q-School, but you like the



## challenge?

**KYLE WESTMORELAND:** Yeah, I liked how it played rather. It played hard and that's what you want. I want the next three days to play hard as well.

# Q. Just you this week or do you have any family, friends down here?

**KYLE WESTMORELAND:** Wife's here and got a good buddy caddying for me so that's awesome. We're enjoying our time here. Wife wouldn't miss this one, I think this is one of the nicest venues of any tour I've played on. This is incredible and they're very nice to us here.

