

ROUND 1 QUICK QUOTES
March 28, 2024



TAYLOR MOORE (-6)

Q. Taylor, solid 6 under to start here at Houston. How would you characterize the day and what you were able to do well out there?

TAYLOR MOORE: Hit a lot of greens. After the first hole, just tried to see how many greens I could hit. Got off to a little bit of a jump start there on 3, chipped in for eagle on 3 and birdied 4. Yeah, just got into the round.

Q. How was the course difficulty or just nature of it compared to what it was like in the fall before the overseed?

TAYLOR MOORE: Still think it's a difficult course. It's really long, probably the most mid to long irons I've had into par 4s this year. It's in great shape, though. It's overseeded, as everybody knows. It's in really good shape. Greens are rolling well. It's a lot of fun to play.

Q. What was it like to defend a title out here on Tour?

TAYLOR MOORE: Yeah, first one as a pro, so it was pretty cool to have that opportunity. Definitely excited to get back there to Tampa. Had a good week, finished 12th and game feels like it's trending in the right direction.

Q. Your coach, Josh Gregory, talked about you kind of learning how to play defense a little bit when you need to, balancing it with your firepower. What's your kind of take on how as you've evolved into a few years in your pro career figuring out when you might need to dial it back and when it's the right time to play super aggressive?

TAYLOR MOORE: I think that's it, just really trying to gauge myself where I'm at instead of firing at everything like I kind of used to in the past. Yeah, just continuing to learn each and every week out here. I feel like I've done a good job of that.

Q. Was there a time today when you felt like you dialed it back a little bit where in the past you might have --

TAYLOR MOORE: Yeah, I had some tweeners like 9 and kind of that middle part of the round, a lot of twener yardages so just trying to hit the fat part of the green, give myself some looks 20, 30 feet. You know, 15 for example is between a pitching wedge and 9-iron for me, so hit it to 25 feet and made the putt. So a little bonus there, but definitely getting better at that.

Q. Last week with you defending, when you come to the tournament this week,



maybe a little bit less pressure than what you felt last week at Valspar?

TAYLOR MOORE: Maybe a little bit. I don't really get caught up too much in that. Like I just was looking forward to playing this place with the overseed and seeing it a little bit different of a golf course. As soon as I got my feet on property here I was really excited to see how good the course was, how good of shape it was in. I was looking forward to, you know, just getting started this morning.

Q. Do you enjoy playing it more when it's like this with kind of that overseed than maybe the way it played in the fall?

TAYLOR MOORE: I think so. Unfortunately I think we just had some bad weather in the fall, really wet, really cold in the mornings, played extra long. This is a really long golf course for the most part if they put it all the way back, so just a lot of fun when it's in good condition like this.

