

**SBS Championship
The Plantation Course at Kapalua
Kapalua, Maui, HI**

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Third-round leader quotes:

INTERVIEW OF RYAN MOORE

JOHN BUSH: We would like to welcome will Ryan Moore into the interview room after a 5-under-par 68. Ryan, just a solid all week, just one bogey through 54 holes . If you can comment on your round and your week so far.

RYAN MOORE: Well, today was a solid round and pretty tough conditions. It was completely different than the last two days, but fortunately this was just like it was in the practice rounds, so I played in it like this a couple of times. I was really comfortable. There wasn't too many surprises out there. And, yes, really, ball striking has been really solid the first three days and the speed control on the greens is maybe the best speed control I've ever had on Bermuda maybe in my whole life. I've changed some things with my putter and stuff over the winter and I am feeling a lot more comfortable over the ball, over the putter.

JOHN BUSH: Questions?

Q. Playing in this Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, in this kind of wind, does it kind of help today, the fact that it changed the round, you at least had a chance to play in it before the tournament?

RYAN MOORE: Yes, that was huge. If I hadn't played in it during practice rounds, and being my first time here, this would have really thrown some things off. I wouldn't have been as comfortable with some of the tee shots, and figuring out where to hit them. But having played all my practice rounds in this, I was actually more comfortable in this because I seen it more this way. I didn't mind it one bit.

Q. Can you talk about the eagle you had on 5, over the string of pars, how that got you going?

RYAN MOORE: Yes, that was nice. It's really fun. I had a good drive in there. I had 195 to the pin hit my 20 degree iron. My irons are in lofts only, my 20 degree iron, and I hit a good solid kind of save shot toward the left side of the green and just had a lightening fast putt down there. I have had absolutely fantastic speed control this whole week and that was the first putt that I hit way harder than I meant to, but it just hit dead center. It was going at least 15 or 20, maybe borderline rolling off the green. It was moving. It hit right in the middle, popped up and went right in. That's just how it goes sometimes. It definitely kind of jump-started me forward for the rest of the day.

Q. With only 28 guys in the field some of them are working vacations, does this feel like a tournament? It's the best chance you have all year to win.

RYAN MOORE: Well, your odds are definitely the highest they are going to be all year only being 28 guys in the field. But No, I really practiced a lot this winter and prepared myself for this tournament and, you know, I started feeling more comfortable in the fall, the end of the year last year, played a couple of good fall series tournaments in Vegas and Phoenix in a row. Played well at that the World Golf Championships in China after I started working with a new swing coach. Not really a swing coach. It was my best friend, but we just started working together and started focusing -- he was helping me focus on what we needed to work on and bounce ideas back and forth. Someone to be there while I practiced and kind of helped me work on the right things. I start working with him right before the fall series started. And we got some great things straightened out. And we got good momentum there in the fall and I end up playing great in China. I have really not taken hardly any time off. Maybe two weeks off since China without playing golf. So I felt I was really to come play this tournament. I wasn't going to just go home and sit up in Seattle for a month like I have in the past this winter. I felt good, I was excited to be practicing again. Decided to feel good over the golf ball, feel healthy. I'm prepared. I'm enjoying it.

Q. What's your best friend's name?

RYAN MOORE: Troy Denton.

Q. What did you hear about Kapalua before you got here?

RYAN MOORE: I've been here before. I played the Pro-Am here my first year on TOUR, and they kind of fill in some extra guys for the Pro-Am, and I came over early. I was going to play the other Hawaii tournament. I flew in here and played that. It was nice having seen the course at least once. Having been around being, somewhat familiar with it. Pretty good memory of things. I seen it once. I can remember things pretty well. It was nice having that. I definitely had some extra comfort. I definitely played a

bit early in the week to make sure I get really comfortable with it again. This course is pretty severe. There is a lot of slopes and a lot of things you can take advantage of if you know where to hit it.

Q. You never worked with a swing coach?

RYAN MOORE: No.

Q. Did you feel that was something that was missing, how did that evolve?

RYAN MOORE: I can't even call him a swing coach. I'm not even sure. He has a funny name for what he calls himself. We haven't changed my swing. We're not trying to manipulate and change this angle, that angle, whatever. We just worked on just really simple things. Some of the stuff he picked up on it. I would have never picked up on it. Some chipping things that he made me do and some drills he made me chip one handed, left handed, until I couldn't stand it.

At first it really bothered my left hand, my wrists, it hurt. I was pretty weak. And going through it a good couple months now, I can sit there and do it and it doesn't bother it at all. It helped to strengthen it and get better position over the ball. I didn't really think that was missing.

I thought almost, why not? It's no fun to be sitting there and chipping for two hours by yourself to be honest. No fun to be hitting 5-footers over and over again.

It's amazing to have somebody to talk to, somebody to joke around with. Somebody to make him sit up there and hit putts, me watch it and take my mind off of it a few minutes. It's amazing how much more quality work you can get done. That's what I started seeing. How much that would help me. Someone to be there. That's what I had in college. And I drive really well in those circumstances.

Q. Would he go to tournaments with you?

RYAN MOORE: He is here this week. It's his one year anniversary. Him and his wife decided to come over. For the most part, we just focus and work hard.

The way we set up my schedule, I have given myself space to go and prepare for tournaments. I don't want to play four or five tournaments in a row to see if I played well. I picked specific tournaments that I like and that I feel would be best for me, and I am going to prepare to go play those tournaments.

So I will have a little time off, maybe a week off. Then the second week off we'll practice and get ready for the next week. And really do it more that way. That's what we did for this tournament. I really prepared to come play here.

Q. As for tomorrow, do you hope to wake up and see some of the same winds that you saw today?

RYAN MOORE: You know now we've seen it. I feel like it's been three different winds every day. You just go out and deal with it

and figure it out. That's golf. That's the way it works. It doesn't seem to favor me one way or the other, either wind. I'll just go out and figure out tomorrow.

JOHN BUSH: Par-3, 8th hole, that birdie

RYAN MOORE: That was a tucked little pin there in the front. I was trying to hit it on the right center of the green there. I hit a 40 degree, my 40 iron. That's weird saying that. I'm not used to it. I hit it just above the fringe up in the rough and it just perfectly one hopped out of it and trickled through the fringe and rolled down and almost went in, went to about foot and a half, two feet, tap-in birdie.

JOHN BUSH: Birdies on 15 and 18.

RYAN MOORE: And then 15, I don't know what that is, par-5. Hit a good driver down there, 13 degree, 3-wood in front of the green about 40 yards short or so. Hit a great pitch in there about 8 to ten feet behind the hole, and fortunately, Stewart Cink was a foot and a half behind me on the same exact line. He hit his and it stayed left. I would have hit it there exactly where he hit it. It didn't move. I hit it on the left edge and it went in. 18, I hit a good driver down there to about 237 to the pin. I hit my 25 degree iron to about 15 yards right of the green about pin-high and just hit a nice little lob wedge down there and just missed the hole, ran seven or eight feet by it and knocked it right in there.

JOHN BUSH: Ryan, thanks for coming by. Play well tomorrow.

RYAN MOORE: Thank you.

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