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## Matthew NeSmith

## Taylor Moore

### Quick Quotes

**Q. Looked like a fun day, good finish. Talk about the finish on 18.**

MATTHEW NESMITH: Yeah, well, Taylor striped a drive. He seemed to kind of start finding the golf swing, start finding the rhythm a little bit. He striped a tee ball. I was just going to try to keep it in play to give him some freedom to do whatever he wanted to do, and he striped two shots.

He's been putting great all day long. He's had the pace right all day. So just striped two shots and made a great putt.

TAYLOR MOORE: I had a really good number in from the fairway for just a nice 3-wood. Got it in the middle of the green, then hit a quality putt, and it went in.

**Q. What number was that?**

TAYLOR MOORE: We had 258 pin, a little into off the right.

**Q. What was strategy for today's round, and what will be for tomorrow?**

MATTHEW NESMITH: Honestly, strategy was -- I mean, T's been a little bit under the weather here the last couple of days. So honestly, we were just trying to finish 18 holes upright. I mean, finish 18 holes upright, and all of a sudden, we started catching a touch of a rhythm, started making a few putts, started finding the round a little bit.

We finished 18 holes, and that was the goal.

**Q. You talked to Mark earlier about it, but can you explain how this pairing came to be?**

TAYLOR MOORE: We've been friends for a long time, like Matt said. Played a ton of golf together, junior golf, amateur golf, every rank of this game. Yeah, a ton of fun to get paired together this week and finally play together



again.

We've been playing some practice rounds together leading up, which has been cool. Just looking forward to the rest of a very fun week.

MATTHEW NESMITH: Yeah, it's great.

**Q. Taylor, Matt said you're feeling a little under the weather. What's the issue?**

TAYLOR MOORE: I was in the ER yesterday morning. I had food poisoning Tuesday night up until midday yesterday. So just got an IV and some nausea medicine. Finally ate something this morning, which was nice. Like he said, just tried to finish every hole. That was kind of a win within its own right.

Got into a little rhythm there at the end, which was cool.

**Q. Don't want to give away where you ate it, but what did you eat?**

TAYLOR MOORE: I ate a lot that night. It could have been a lot of different things (Laughter).

MATTHEW NESMITH: It could have been a lot of different things. So we're just going to say maybe all of it.

TAYLOR MOORE: It was a wonderful place. I'm definitely not complaining. It could have been anything.

**Q. Matt, we talked a little bit back at Valspar about your mindset and how you approach a round. When you play in a team format like this, is it a little bit easier to be loose, a little bit looser in your thinking?**

MATTHEW NESMITH: Yeah, I've been going with the fact of trying to finish 18 holes is my goal every single day we walk on the golf course. I'm going to be happy with that regardless of what anyone thinks or how I played or how I feel about it.

So it was easy for us to go that way with Taylor being a touch under the weather. It's like let's just get through 18



holes, man. Let's not put any pressure on ourselves. Let's try and hit it in the fairway, hit some greens, make some putts.

If we don't, so what? We're still going to be really good friends, and we're still going to play practice rounds together. We still had a great time this week. But stuff kind of works out sometimes, you never know.

We're going to go out there and do the same thing tomorrow, try to hit some greens. We're going to have a good time and finish 18 holes and let the chips fall where they may.

**Q. How much experience do you guys have playing alternate shot?**

MATTHEW NESMITH: A little bit. We played a little bit this last week. We've been doing a few things the past couple weeks, but our games are very similar. So it doesn't really change much.

We've got a strategy we feel pretty good about leading into tomorrow about who's going to hit off what tee and who's going to hit shots into greens. We're just going to go and try to hit some greens and make some putts and see where things fall.

**Q. Taylor, do you get back on the horse tonight, more Cajun food?**

TAYLOR MOORE: No more Cajun for the next couple days, but some soup sounds pretty good at the moment.

MATTHEW NESMITH: Maybe Sunday night.

TAYLOR MOORE: Soup and crackers.

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