

KENNY LESEUR

MARK WILLIAMS: I would like to welcome Kenny Laseur to the interview room here at the first Bermuda Championship. Pretty special guest, 15 years old, youngest in the field. Just talk about the process of getting into the field first, Kenny, if you would.

KENNY LESEUR: Yeah. Well, I was lucky enough to be a local Bermudian and they put on a local qualifier event for us. That was about a week ago. It was a 36-hole event and everybody that was from Bermuda got to play. So I was lucky enough to get into that and then flew down here from Florida and played. Played well on the first day, missed a couple of opportunities, but on the second day I played really well in the wind and got my spot.

MARK WILLIAMS: So when you say you flew from Florida, I understand that you attend the International Junior Golf Academy there in Florida?

KENNY LESEUR: Yeah.

MARK WILLIAMS: How long have you been there and who's your instructor there?

KENNY LESEUR: This is my second year here, so I'm a sophomore in high school. Gary Gilchrist is the head guy there, so he's the head professional and Grant Balcke is my coach. This is my second year with Grant, so used to him and I really like the way he teaches.

MARK WILLIAMS: Before we take some questions, you're here, I understand you had a practice round yesterday with Davis Love and Michael Sims. Just what's the excitement level like for you and what's the anticipation like, and the nerves?

KENNY LESEUR: Yeah, there's a lot of nerves obviously. It's crazy to think that I'm sitting here right now doing an interview when I was just a couple weeks ago sitting at home in Florida. But I really liked playing with Davis and Michael yesterday, learnt a lot of things by the way he practices and works his way around the golf course. I'm really excited for it. I'm sure my dad is, too. He's caddying this week. Go out and have some fun.

MARK WILLIAMS: Anything specific that you learned in that practice round? You said a couple things, but anything specific that Davis gave you some advice on?

KENNY LESEUR: No, not really, but I just took notes on the way he worked his way around the green. It's kind of hard to explain, but all the different areas he went around and all the different techniques he used around the greens and off the tee, really liked the way he did that.

Q. After you qualified a week ago, you went back to Florida. What was the reception from the coaches to settle you down to get you ready for this event?

KENNY LESEUR: Well, what we usually do is we train in a group, so there's like eight people in his group that we train with. He pulled me over to the side and worked with me a little bit more for this event. Obviously it's really important for me and my future, so we really worked on a lot of things. Just playing on the course, not a lot of technical stuff, just trying to get ready and know what to anticipate when the event starts.

Q. One thing's for sure, back in Florida you have a whole bunch of schoolmates watching what you're about to accomplish. As a 15-year-old, when you started out playing junior golf in Bermuda, did you see this happening? Not this soon, but at any time in your career?

KENNY LESEUR: I mean, I always had a dream to get on the PGA TOUR. Obviously this young, no, I wasn't expecting it, but I always wanted to work hard to -- that was my end goal for my career, to go to college and to get my PGA TOUR card. So for it to happen this early is really special and going to make the most out of the experience.

Q. You did talk about the nerves earlier. How have you been coping? Have you been sleeping?

KENNY LESEUR: Yeah, I've been sleeping well. Just try to not get too overwhelmed seeing all the players here, all the media, everything. Just trying to -- my coach and I said that it's just another tournament. Obviously it's in Bermuda, it's my home course, so I know the course very well, familiar with a lot of the people here, so I'm really pleased with the way I've handled it so far.

Q. What's your favorite hole on the course and why?

KENNY LESEUR: For me, I like No. 14 because it's really tricky. Obviously a lot of people like 16 the best, but I like the way that hole shapes around. It's a dogleg left and you really need to put it in position off the tee, on the green there's a lot of places you can't go, and it fits my ball flight so I really like that hole a lot.

Q. Obviously wind can be a big factor here. How are you going to control your game?

KENNY LESEUR: Well, growing up in Bermuda it's always been very windy, so playing in the junior events when I was young, they're always 30, 40-mile an hour winds, you know. And the qualifier was a great experience to get to know what my game looks like in the wind because I haven't played in a while since I'm in Florida. I like to keep it low off the tee with a 2-iron and then try to get up and down as much as I can because you're not going to be hitting all the greens that you usually do.

My short game's doing really well right now and it's just about keeping the ball in play and staying patient and that's what you've got to do in the wind. It's not a lot to it, just got to keep it in play and stay patient.

Q. Are there any particular players here you're looking forward to meeting?

KENNY LESEUR: I've already met a couple, Maverick McNealy I met earlier. I don't know, we'll just see how it goes. Try to meet some of them and ask them a lot of questions on how they got here, so yeah.

MARK WILLIAMS: Two that you will meet are the two that you're playing with, which I thought was pretty interesting on the tee sheet, Brett Quigley and Guy Boros, who are both 50-plus. You're 15, as we mentioned earlier, so that dynamic will be a little different for you. Do you know either of those two? Have you seen their careers at all?

KENNY LESEUR: No, not really. I really didn't hear their name before I saw who I was playing with, but I looked them up and saw that they're on the Senior Tour, both of them. So obviously they've had a lot more experience than a lot of the guys who are younger, so it will be good to play with them and ask them a lot of questions, their experiences and what route they took to get here.

Q. Kenny, congrats on being here. Can you tell us a little about some of the Bermudians who helped you developing golf growing up here on the island and who inspired you?

KENNY LESEUR: Well, first of all, Kim Swan was my coach before I left Bermuda and he helped me out for about three years and I knew he was -- he was probably the most accomplished Bermudian in golf. He was on the European Tour moving his way around in mini tour events. I've always played a lot of golf with Camiko Smith and Daniel Augustus. They're big mentors for when I was younger and I still like to play with them a lot. They're both really nice guys and both helpful for whatever I need.

MARK WILLIAMS: Kenny, we appreciate you coming in and good luck the rest of the week.

KENNY LESEUR: Thank you.