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**Sluman excited for Gary Player test at Huangshan Championship**

HUANGSHAN, China—American Trevor Sluman is excited to take on a second straight Gary Player-designed course this week after overtaking the No. 1 spot on the Order of Merit with his runner-up finish at last week’s Suzhou Open. This week, the PGA TOUR Series-China’s Huangshan Championship will be hosted at Hidden Tiger Golf Club, located within China’s famous Anhui province, with stunning views of mountains and nature.

Away from the big exciting cities that we are used to playing in, the setting this week is much more peaceful with the course tucked away within the mountains and player’s are even given the option of taking a ferry along the scenic Taiping Lake from the hotel to arrive to the golf course.

Despite some rain during the practice rounds, the weather appears to be getting better throughout the week and Sluman is planning to make the most of his visit. Sluman has already seen so much of China, having played a full season on the Tour in 2018, but says the venue this week is something quite special and unique.

“It’s amazing to be out here. The hotel is right on the water and I never would have imagined I’d be playing at a place like this,” said Sluman. “It’s very cool to be surrounded by all these mountain and I’ve already taken a lot of nice pictures and videos so it’s definitely special and a nice change of scenery.”

Apart from the beautiful landscapes, Sluman also feels that the course suits him well but admits the course poses more threats than last week, being more narrow and penal off the tees, so players will need to minimize mistakes and putt well on the undulating greens.

“The course is very different to last week but I really like them both. This week is a bit more narrow and you have to play smart off the tee and try you’re best to not get in any trouble,” said Sluman. “It definitely suits me because I’ve been playing great and I like the greens here so hopefully I can plot my way around the course and shoot a low score.”

Sluman had a great season in 2018, finishing ninth of the Order of Merit to get into Web.com Tour Final Qualifying Stage but wasn’t able to secure any starts. Now more than halfway through the season, the big-hitting American has already secured one win at the Sanya Championship and is on track to play on the 2020 Web.com Tour. He leads the Order of Merit with RMB 572,709, roughly RMB 80,000 ahead of compatriot Max McGreevy.

“My goal is to win the Order of Merit so this event is really important to me because I want to keep the momentum going and try to extend my lead,” said Sluman. “It’s difficult because a lot of guys are playing really well so I just need to stay focused and keep doing what I’m doing and hopefully the results will keep coming.”

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