

ROUND 1 INTERVIEW: GUY BOROS
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MICHAEL BALIKER: I would like to welcome Guy Boros to the interview room, 4-under par 67 in today's first round. Got a great round out there, if you want to just take me through the round, bogey-free.

GUY BOROS: Bogey-free, it's nice not to make a bogey. I didn't hit it great. I putted pretty well so I made a lot of good par putts, and I two-putted twice for birdies. I hit some good, some bad, so it was kind of all over the place.

MICHAEL BALIKER: If you can just take me through your four birdies there.

GUY BOROS: No. 4 I hit it on the front edge, hit a good drive down there and a 3-iron to the front edge. Didn't hit a very good putt, but hit a lot better second putt and it went in from about 12 feet probably.

MICHAEL BALIKER: And then 13?

GUY BOROS: It's hard to remember. I'm old, you know. 13, I hit sand wedge out of the rough there and it went about -- I got it in to about two feet.

MICHAEL BALIKER: And then 16 and 17?

GUY BOROS: 16, I hit the best shot of the day on 16. I hit a really good drive for me and hit a little punch 6-iron in there and it bounced off the flag to about three feet and made that one. And then 17 I hit a good drive, got in the right rough and hit a 3-wood in there probably about 20, 25 feet and I two-putted.

Q. Guy, your father won in this area in '63, the Open. How much time did you spend around here and do you get back here often?

GUY BOROS: I've played around here a couple times. I played the TPC down south and I actually went several years ago and played Brookline where Dad won the Open and it was pretty neat. A friend of mine, Brad Zeitner, used to be the pro there and we went over and played and we had a good time. It was nice to see the pictures and being where he won one of his Opens.

Q. Growing up, how aware were you of what your dad had accomplished in this area? Is that something that was like ever talked about?

GUY BOROS: You know, people always asked me when I was younger if I wanted to be as good as my dad, and being young and stupid, I said no, I want to be better. You know, if I would have been half as good, I would have been very happy.

Q. Not the easiest day to play, very blustery out there, no bogeys. What did you do especially well do you think?

GUY BOROS: You know, I hit a lot of greens, knocked close, and out here the greens are pretty darn big so you can have some long putts. My speed was pretty darn good today. I got them up there pretty close where I could make them.

Q. You seem to be particularly proud of that birdie on 16. Could you explain why you derive so much pride on that one?

GUY BOROS: It's a hard hole. I hit the best drive of the day and my best iron shot of the day. I think it one-hopped off the flag, so two of the best that I could probably do.

Q. When you have that happen that late in the round, does that give you any encouragement about day two?

GUY BOROS: It does. I put a lot of pressure on my birdie putt from about two and a half feet because I didn't want to hit the two best shots of the day and make par. I usually drive it pretty darn good and I just didn't drive it very well today. So hopefully if I can hit the irons I do the rest of the week and drive it a little bit better, I should be okay.

Q. You talked about wanting to be better than your dad. How old were you when you realized how really good he was?

GUY BOROS: Yeah, probably after college when I started playing pro golf. I remember I used to shag balls and watch him play a lot and he just made it look so easy. I remember playing in high school matches and I would make a triple almost every time I played and he would say, How the hell did you make a triple? I haven't made one of those in 12 years. So I go, I hit it out of bounds, I three -- it wasn't that hard, it added up to seven pretty quick. Probably after I turned pro and the first year or two on tour I realized how good he was.

Q. One of the things he's really famous for was making it look really easy, he had that flowing, smooth swing that never seemed like he was exerting a whole lot of --

GUY BOROS: It didn't seem like a lot of effort. For me, golf's effort. He just made it -- it was kind of hard on me because he made it look so easy and I was wondering why I couldn't do it. Not many people that have played golf have made it look so easy.

Q. What's the best lesson in golf you have learned from him?

GUY BOROS: He always told me to watch better players and watch what they do in certain situations. And my dad was real big about the grip. He never really liked teaching but he was all about the grip and the setup. He always figured if you didn't have a good setup and a good grip, you're going to have a hard time playing good golf.

Q. What was this round that was at The Country Club? It was with your dad, you said?

GUY BOROS: No, no, it was probably right before the Ryder Cup. All my years kind of run together. 15 years ago maybe. Yeah, I enjoyed it. Beautiful golf course. Like this, I enjoyed playing out here, too. The greens are great, so it's fun to play.

Q. You said this is your son here?

GUY BOROS: My son, T.J. He's been out --

Q. Would you say he's better than you?

GUY BOROS: Well, he beat me yesterday. We played nine holes, so he played pretty good, so he impressed me yesterday. It's nice having him out for me for a couple weeks this summer.

Q. T.J., you're nine years old?

T.J. BOROS: 13.

MICHAEL BALIKER: If you want to real quick talk about the importance of this event compared to others in terms of the Charles Schwab Cup race and how important it is for the rest of the season and what it would mean to win a competition like that.

GUY BOROS: You know, any tournament for me would be a huge bonus since I'm not exempt out here. And winning this one being a major and Constellation being a sponsor, it would be 10 times as good, it would mean a lot.

Q. You do a lot of Monday qualifiers and how is that experience?

GUY BOROS: You know, I've been exempt for the last couple, for the PGA and this one, which is great. Mondays, it's hard, it's a struggle. I've been pretty fortunate where I've played pretty well in the end of last year, and I got a sponsor in Boca which was really nice and I finished 11th, got a sponsorship at Des Moines last week because I went to school at the University of Iowa, and I finished see 10th last week. I wish I'd get some more, seems like I play pretty good when I get them.