

ROUND 2 INTERVIEW: BILL HAAS
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Q. Bill, just get some comments on your round if we can.

BILL HAAS: Yeah, today was nice. I mean, I would say for two days I feel like I played quite good enough for my expectations and you look up and yesterday Zach beat me and today I was barely one better than Bubba. The scores are just really good, which makes for an exciting weekend, and I'm just happy to hold my own weight for two days. There's still a lot of golf left to be played. And the wind blew two different directions today so we might see some different winds and the course might play a little different on the weekend.

Q. You got in because of Tiger, right, because Tiger was out of this?

BILL HAAS: I don't think so. I did get a sponsor exemption so Tiger maybe gave me a spot, but I don't think I got in because of him.

Q. I couldn't remember, you got in because Tiger withdrew?

BILL HAAS: Maybe. I don't know.

Q. Did you focus on anything special today that made you play the way you did?

BILL HAAS: Nothing different than yesterday. Pretty much every day I play I think I have a swing tip or a swing thought that I go with and today was generally pretty good. Hit A couple bad drives. I actually thought I hit a good drive on 13 and that was my one hole I made a bogey on and actually that was what I felt was one of my better swings. So definitely not disappointed with the way I'm ball striking. You never know, you wake up tomorrow with a stiff neck, it could be different but I'm going to keep going with what I'm going with and hopefully it keeps happening the way it's been going.

Q. A number this week, what might do it on Sunday?

BILL HAAS: I don't know. It definitely depends on the wind. I think tomorrow we might get a little more wind but I don't think it's supposed to blow crazy. You're playing against the best players in the world. I would think 20 under certainly would -- I'll take it right now. With the wind, I'll be very pleased.

Q. Fortunately the humidity factors in?

BILL HAAS: It's hot. I was sweating through my clothes really badly. You've just got to keep drinking and it certainly weighs on you a little bit, it slows you down and you're maybe not quite as sharp on 18 as you were on No. 1. So I think that's something that everybody's dealing with so I don't think there's a disadvantage or an advantage there at all. It's just part

of it. You've just to tell yourself we're in the Bahamas, it's going to be hot and enjoy it. I'd rather sweat than be cold anyway.

Q. What do you think of the course?

BILL HAAS: I think the course is fantastic. Certainly the greens are maybe a hair softer than they could be. I think if they were playing firm then they would get even smaller than they are because right now I think they're playing a little bit bigger than they actually are. So that's one reason I think you're seeing some good scores. But overall I don't think good scores is taking away from anything, I don't mean to make it sound like that. I think the good scores are just showing that the best players enjoy it and we're having fun playing it.

Q. What do you do to stay focused under different conditions? Anything special mental preparation?

BILL HAAS: I don't know. I think you just start each shot the best you can hit it. I think when you execute, people say he was focused and when you hit a poor shot, they say you're unfocused. I disagree with that. I think we're human and we make errors and I think you're just trying to hit each shot the best you can hit and that's all you can do.

Q. What have you done not only today so well but also yesterday?

BILL HAAS: My putting's been pretty good. There's a couple short ones I'd like back, which you could say everyday maybe. But I made three or four from 15 feet which I think you've got to make those to keep going. And 16, after a perfect drive, I hit a bad iron and a bad chip and I had about 15 feet for par and made that. So to me that kind of keeps your round going and so far I've been fortunate on the greens.

Q. Why does this golf course suit your game and your eye?

BILL HAAS: I don't know. I think right now it's early, I've only played two competitive rounds on it and I've been successful so far. But I do like the fairways, they're generous off the tee, and I do like the greens being small which puts an emphasis on hitting a good iron shot and the greens surfaces are excellent. I think it fits everyone's eye. I don't think there's a player out here that's going to say this course doesn't suit me. I think a guy like Bubba, I played with him today, him being long is certainly an advantage. It's an advantage every week. But I also think a guy like me and Zach Johnson can do well and that's the mark of a good golf course.

Q. We have a small field, but if you look at that leaderboard it's very concentrated. Just about everybody's still in this tournament. As you head down to the weekend, what's the mentality for you?

BILL HAAS: Obviously try to keep doing what I'm doing. I think if I shoot 11 under on the weekend, then I'll have a really good shot. So simple as that sounds, that's the way you've

got to keep it. If I play well, I think I'll have a chance. But if I don't, as you see there are so many players that are playing well that are best players in the world, I'll fall back pretty quickly if I don't.