



Q. Sam, got off to a great start with the three straight birdies. Just a few comments on how that kind of set the pace for the day.

SAM SAUNDERS: Yeah, it's always great to get off to a good start. Hit a good shot into the first hole. Second hole a was very easy pin there, so with a good tee shot you should have a good look. Then made a great birdie on 3 which is a tough hole out here. So always great to get off to that kind of start. Then had a short eagle putt on 5 to go -- would have put me to 5 under through five but missed that but still a good birdie. It's just a nice solid round, I played really well. You know, momentum got thrown off a little bit there with the rain delay, but I'm still pleased with the way I finished and put myself in a good position for tomorrow.

Q. When you come out and see what Jhonny did yesterday and there's that big of a separation, does that change your approach at all or do you just come out and do what you do for a living?

SAM SAUNDERS: Yeah, you know, you try not to think too much that the tournament's over because the guy -- you know, I hadn't played too bad the first two days and I was 12 shots back, but here I am now just five back so you just never know. Jhonny's a great player, though, and I expect him to finish well today. I know he's not going to come too far back so I'm going to have to go out there and play another good round tomorrow, but you never know what can happen out here.

Q. (No microphone.)

SAM SAUNDERS: You can make bogeys really fast, so I made a sloppy bogey on 15 but then came back with a really nice birdie on 16. No. 16, even though it's a par 5, you've got to hit some good shots to get a 4 there because that pin way in the back, you can make a mess of that hole quickly, so was pleased with that birdie. And then 17 and 18 are just tough holes. That back pin on 17 today, 3 is a great score there and I hit a nice shot. And then hit two good shots on 18 and made two easy pars there so I think that score will be good throughout the rest of the day.

Q. Anything you want to change going into tomorrow?

SAM SAUNDERS: No. Just want to keep going the way I am and try to get off to another hot start like that and take advantage of some good putting.

Q. Have you been happy with the way you're playing this summer or is this something that maybe could get you some momentum heading into the rest of the

year?

SAM SAUNDERS: You know, I had some momentum, I finished ninth last week in Reno, 21st the week before that, 30th the week before that so I'm just trending upward right now and just trying to keep that momentum going. But yeah, I feel very good about my game and this is kind of the part of the year where I seem to start playing a little bit better.