

Final Round Interview: SAM SAUNDERS
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Q. Sam, first of all, I know you're coming off an emotional week last week. How do you or do you find a way to kind of put that aside so that you can get about the business at hand this week?

SAM SAUNDERS: Yeah, of course. You know, last week was a wonderful week and I really was honored to be a part of it and flattered that they wanted me to take on the role they did last week. All signs point to it was a very successful week and obviously tough being the first year without my grandfather, but I think the tournament's just going to get stronger for years to come.

Yeah, coming down here to Puerto Rico, I love this place. I enjoy the golf course and have had some success here in the past, so I was excited to just really focus on work this week and really playing good golf and trying to do my job. It was nice to come down and feel comfortable all week.

Q. That brings us to today. You obviously got off to the right start, reeling off three straight birdies. Clean card today, 7-under 65. Just a few comments on the round.

SAM SAUNDERS: I played really well today. You always leave some out there, and today, knowing that I'm probably going to fall a couple short, is a little frustrating just knowing that I missed -- well, I played great though. I made a lot of putts. It's just one of those deals. It was nice to see the putts go in this week and I struck the ball really well all week. And most importantly I just felt very calm all week, I felt very comfortable. Even here in the 18th fairway, I hit a bad shot but I gave the putt a good run and I didn't feel that, you know, "don't screw this up" feeling. I felt confident. I was trying to win a golf tournament. Excited to now play my way into Houston next week, so looking forward to getting up there and trying to win another one.