

ROUND 2 INTERVIEW
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BEAU HOSSLER (-9)

Q. Beau, what a finish for you. You take five strokes to play the last two holes going birdie, birdie, 2-3.

BEAU HOSSLER: Yeah, it was strong. I would have taken 7, no problem. They're two pretty good holes, so was very fortunate to hit it close there on 17 and then have a pretty long putt on 18.

Q. You know, this is the second day in a row that you've birdied your last two holes. Really strong finish for you.

BEAU HOSSLER: Yeah, happy about it. Hopefully, I can make some more.

Q. You know, you've made an awful lot of putts. I looked quickly, 102 feet of putts in the opening round, 105 feet of putts here in the second round. That is really great.

BEAU HOSSLER: Yeah, I'm seeing the lines pretty well and the greens are very true. It's a struggle to get the speed, probably made a few of those putts just comebacks. I was hitting it too far this morning, greens sped up a lot since yesterday. So I was able to make a pretty good adjustment there on the back nine and, like you said, make some pretty good putts.

Q. Thoughts going into the weekend?

BEAU HOSSLER: Just keep doing what I'm doing. I feel good. I mean, the course is scorable, I doubt that 9 under will be leading. Like I said, perfect shape so you could get it rolling with the putter, and with how hot it is, it's not playing particularly long. I would expect to be in contention heading in and look forward to it.

Q. Beau, that was your Tour-leading 41th round in the 60s this season. What's been the key for you getting off to a hot start here?

BEAU HOSSLER: Well, I usually try and play par 70s, so -- I'm just kidding. No, it's been strong this year, I've had a lot of really good rounds. Unfortunately, I've had some kind of high ones that are uncharacteristic for me. I think that was six in a row in the 60s, so I'm feeling good, my game feels really good. I'm getting it in play nicely off the tee and I'm rolling the putter really well so that obviously helps.

Q. How do you feel like physically, mentally, starting working with Mark?

BEAU HOSSLER: With Mark? Yeah, I had a feeling you were going to ask about Mark.

It's been great. I've been working with Mark since Sony in January and we've come a long way. We're in a very consistent routine and that's kind of what I was looking forward to doing with Mark. He's obviously a tremendous asset in that regard, but he's also a really good friend and a good guy just for me to be in communication with all the time. He's a really, really quality guy.

Q. Do past memories ever play a factor in like your performance when you come to a place? Obviously you played Congressional at the Open when you were 16. Do you come back to a place like this and just kind of have a good feel about how the week's going to go?

BEAU HOSSLER: No, I've never seen the course. I could have showed up here and hated this course, but I love it. It's really good. I'll tell you what I like about the course: It's a very tough challenge, but if you get the ball in the right spots off the tee, you can take advantage. And the greens are so pure that if you're rolling it nicely, you can make some putts. So I enjoy courses that are tough but are still scorable when you play the proper shots and it seems like a really good combination of that.

Q. You're a young man, I don't know how long you've known Hunter Mahan since you joined the Tour, but when did you first hear about his sister-in-law and when did you find out about the orange ribbon today?

BEAU HOSSLER: Did that just start today? I must have missed it yesterday if it was.

Q. I think this is the first day they've been available.

BEAU HOSSLER: Yeah, I've known Hunter probably about a year now. Obviously I know Jason Enloe as well, I play golf at Trinity Forest as my home course in Dallas. Obviously it's a really, really unfortunate tragic situation and I wish them the best. There's not much you can say obviously, but wish them peace right now and hopefully, like I said, it's a peaceful time for them.

Q. Quickly about your round, you now kind of cemented yourself as sort of in the top-10 on the leaderboard. I want to ask about 14. Do you expect 14 to be kind of an eagle opportunity still on the weekend?

BEAU HOSSLER: Is that the short par 4? I don't know about eagle. It's just hard to stop it on the green. I mean, it's hard to stop it near the hole on the green. You can get it on the green, but you're usually putting a 30- to 50-footer up over a ridge. I look at it as more of a let's try and make a 3 here and try and give myself a good opportunity either to have a straightforward pitch or to try and two-putt. Unless they put the pin down in the hole, I don't really see too many balls getting close to the hole. I could be wrong, I'm just saying what I saw in the last couple days.