

ROUND 2 INTERVIEW
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BILL HAAS (-13)

BILL HAAS: The eagle was nice. That drive I won't say is uncomfortable for me, but I just fear left a lot. I feel like I could hit it left, so I tend to miss those tee shots right. I hit a nice tee shot down the fairway and I just told myself to be aggressive with a nice drawing iron in there. Aggressive was still 30 feet right. So 30-footer up over a slope, I just would have been happy with a two-putt there. Just fortunate to make a long one.

Q. You talked yesterday about feeling the excitement and the nerves last Sunday. Is that carrying over this week? You're definitely in --

BILL HAAS: Yeah, no. I mean, I'm certainly in the mix and I do think the scores will continue to be good. With the heat and humidity, the greens are just not able to firm up. We'll see good scores. But you've got to drive it well, and today honestly, I got away with it. I think I hit only maybe five fairways, so that's kind of me getting fortunate on a few tee shots and then taking advantage when I did hit a good one. So I do think if I can drive it a little better this weekend, then I can give myself a chance.

Q. What do you think, is there a particular problem with your driving? I mean, is it setup?

BILL HAAS: I think I'm just being picky in the fact that I need to clean that up. When I'm winning and -- when I was winning tournaments, I felt like I drove the ball a little better. Just felt a little loose out there. I mean, it was hot, I was sweating. I mean, I felt a little rundown there coming down the stretch, maybe that was it, but other than that I felt pretty good. Hit some good iron shots and, like you said, in the tournament, so anything can happen this weekend.

Q. What is the key just with this heat in terms of pacing yourself to be ready for the weekend?

BILL HAAS: It's hard. I mean, everybody's dealing with it. That's the only thing you've got to tell yourself is everybody's overheating out there and drinking as much as you can. I think if you get dehydrated out there, then you can't really catch up. So I think it starts tonight just drinking a bunch of water. Everybody's going through it, it's not that big a deal. I would rather be warm than cold. We've got good weather. It's hot, but it's good. We're lucky to be playing here, for sure.

Q. Not that you need -- I mean, you've won six times and everything, not that you need to learn anything, but did you learn anything Sunday that you think is going to help you this week?

BILL HAAS: Maybe a little bit. I mean, I think like you said, you have to break the rearview mirror off, good and bad. It's been a while since I've won, so you've got to take what's happened recently. And I didn't feel like I played awful on Sunday last week, but I didn't play as good as I could. I just, my goal was to put myself in that position again and see if I could handle it a little better, and so far, so good. But tomorrow will be a big day. There will be a lot of good scores tomorrow.