

ROUND 2 INTERVIEW
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RICKY BARNES (-11)

Q. Ricky, that was a special day, bogey-free 31-32. That has to be one of your best rounds in a while, right?

RICKY BARNES: Yeah, definitely, probably since Safeway last year. I think I shot 61 or 62. Just feels nice. Didn't even think I was in the field here this week. Got a call on Tuesday, got in and hopefully make the most of it. But to come out today, no bogeys for a course that I hadn't even seen. Fortunately the yardage books are so good and my caddie helped me, guide me through that course that was somewhat new with the greens. But like you said, any time you're shooting that, you'll take it and leave.

Q. Sometimes that happens, though, even for you great players. I mean, you just come to a place you haven't seen and it all comes together.

RICKY BARNES: I did that my first back nine at Hilton Head, I think I might go nine or 10 or whatever it was. I hadn't seen one of the nine holes and I went out and shot 4 under on that nine holes and I think ended up finishing like fourth that week. So yeah, it's weird how this game works, definitely has some roller coasters. And I didn't think I would get into five events in the fall let alone here this week.

Q. Your putting's been good this week. Of course the greens are awesome, right?

RICKY BARNES: Yeah, greens are rolling great. Obviously two different styles, Plantation and Seaside. But yeah, big save today that kind of helped me, but obviously you've got to be putting well if you're shooting 9 under.

Q. Yeah. Talk about the weekend now, because you get in unexpectedly, now you have a chance to win.

RICKY BARNES: Yeah, I put myself in a good spot. Hopefully get out there, get relaxed. Haven't been near the lead too much lately, but hopefully go out there, relax, have fun. Have nothing to lose, so like I said, got to get back to my old ways and start competing.

Q. Lastly, everybody loves Seaside, everybody we've talked to. Are you in the same boat?

RICKY BARNES: Yeah, it's great. They've done a lot obviously to Plantation, the course is in great shape, a little more going on around the greens, but yeah, anytime you get over to Seaside, greens are quick and they're super pure.