

**BILLY HORSCHEL (-4)**

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**Q. Billy, tell me about your round today.**

**BILLY HORSCHEL:** Yeah, today was a good round of golf, I played really solid. I made one bad swing on 15. You know, we waited there a lot longer than we're normally used to waiting, especially when you tee off early in the morning. We had to wait for two groups to tee off completely, so it was a 30-minute wait and I just made a bad golf swing unfortunately. Thankfully, I was able to make a couple good golf swings and make a putt to be able to get away with a par.

But I played really solid today, gave myself a lot of opportunities, put the ball in the fairway, which you've got to do here. If you do that, you're going to give yourself a lot of opportunities for birdie because you've got a lot of scorable clubs into the greens. So really solid round of golf.

I'm happy I finally got off to a good start. The last couple rounds I've sort of been behind the eight-ball in the middle of my first and second round and then having to just fight just shooting par, so it was nice to come out here and shoot 4 under. It was a lot tougher out there today than I thought. Usually scores are really low here. And it's not like they're not low, but 2 under par is top-15, which is a little unusual.

**Q. (Question about the rough.)**

**BILLY HORSCHEL:** I think the rough's a little bit different this year. I don't think it's as long. I don't think it's the length, the length's about the same, but every ball is going to the bottom, so I'm not sure if they did something to thin out the rough so the ball sits down more. Because sometimes there are certain holes where if you hit it in the rough, your ball would sort of be half -- like a snow cone, half good, half bad and I think that's what really the difference is, just the ball -- every time you get in the rough, the ball just goes straight to the bottom, so now you're struggling to get it out of the rough. And even on the green where before you could get a good club on it and you were more worried about a flyer lie than anything.

**Q. The guy doing the best right now out there is Harold Varner III. What do you like about his game?**

**BILLY HORSCHEL:** Harold's just a good guy. He has a good attitude, he never beats himself up too much, he's a talented guy. I've told him since day one when he got out here on the PGA TOUR he's got a lot of talent, he could be a top-30 player in the world for a long time.

And just the position that he's in, his background. And we've had conversation about this. Him being African-American, he can do a lot for the game of golf and he can make a lot of money at the same time. So he's a great guy. I think it's just a matter of time until he puts it all together because, like I said, he's got a lot of game. He's got a great personality that attracts a lot of people to him. He's just full of energy and full of life and he's a good guy to be around.