

ROUND 1 INTERVIEW
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SAM BURNS (-6)

Q. Sam, how would you describe your round today?

SAM BURNS: Just kind of consistent all day. I think unfortunate not to birdie 10 to start off with, but was able to give myself some good looks early. Didn't make anything early. Then kind of made the turn there and Travis did a good job getting some good numbers and we were able to hit some close and make some. Just kind of try to keep building on the round.

Q. Did you feel like you need to take advantage of the North Course seeing how the weather report isn't so favorable for tomorrow when you're playing the South?

SAM BURNS: Yeah, I mean, I think I look at it as every hole you have an opportunity. Maybe there's not quite as many birdie opportunities on the South. I'm just trying to kind of figure out what each hole had for me. I think the challenge of this place is getting it in the fairway. If you get it in the fairway, you can attack to some of these pins. Yeah, then when we got in the rough, just trying to get it in the best spot to make par. So I think we had a good game plan coming in, stuck to it all day and was able to make a good score.

Q. Where do you feel like your game is right now?

SAM BURNS: I feel like it's in a good place. A lot of good work this offseason and starting to see kind of some of those things that we worked on play out on the golf course, so that's always a good feeling. Just trying to continue to build on that and just trying to get better.

Q. Just wanted to ask you, you guys are playing lift, clean and place, obviously. It wasn't a big deal today. I don't know if you had anything out there that you had to deal with, let me know if you did, but then is it a smart thing on their play to do that? Do you like seeing that given what the weather's going to be tomorrow?

SAM BURNS: Yeah, I think basically what they're trying to do is just make sure it's fair for each day, right? There's obviously no reason we need to play lift, clean and place today, but tomorrow is a whole different story, so I think that was the right thing to do. I think they did a good job of looking ahead and seeing what we have tomorrow.

Q. Does it look pretty bad tomorrow from what you've seen?

SAM BURNS: I mean, I guess. I'm no weatherman, but it looks pretty bad, so we'll see.