

ROUND 1 INTERVIEW
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BEAU HOSSLER (-6)

Q. I don't know how many leaderboards there are, but did you have an idea what you needed to do today as far as going low on that course before tomorrow with all the rain and everything that's coming in?

BEAU HOSSLER: Yeah, I know the forecast isn't great for tomorrow. To be honest, since they've redone the North, it's not that easy. The greens are pretty firm, they had some speed. It's certainly easier than the South still, but it's not a cakewalk by any means. I think anything you shoot in the 60s on the North is a pretty darn good score.

Q. Is there a comfort level of walking on these grounds from all the past experiences and stuff?

BEAU HOSSLER: Yeah, for sure. I've had some pretty good success here, I played here last year, played pretty well. Junior World, I think I won here, finished second here. To be fair, obviously we never played the North, we always just played the South. I love it here, I think it's a real test. You don't get any weird stuff happening out there, it's a tough test, but it's right in front of you, you know exactly what you need to do on every shot and it's just a matter of whether you execute the shot or not.

Q. What was the highlight today?

BEAU HOSSLER: I hit a great 7-iron into the -- they switched the nines now, so I guess it's the 11th hole, a pretty long par 4, hit it to a foot. That was a nice shot.

But today I hit it as well as I've hit it in a long time, which I'm really excited about. Worked really hard this offseason and saw some really good results at home, and got to sometimes be patient and wait for it to bleed into the tournament. Today was a nice step in the right direction.

Q. What did you work on? I know it's been a little bit of a struggle here to start again, so what's it been like?

BEAU HOSSLER: Yeah, well, I've only played one week. I played last week, the first one.

Q. Sure.

BEAU HOSSLER: It wasn't great, but nothing to get too alarmed about. Yeah, I worked on some technical stuff with my golf swing, and Dana Dahlquist, he's helped me out quite a bit. So I've been very fortunate to have a lot of time with him and fortunate timing to have five,

six weeks to actually go and work on it. Sometimes when you go and make fairly significant changes, or at least it feels significant, it's tough to just put it straight into competition. So I was glad to have some time and not have to force shooting low scores right away. I wanted to make sure I was doing things right and learning, most importantly, so that I can hopefully help myself on the golf course when I don't have his eye looking at it. I feel like I'm progressing in that direction, which is great. Certainly a long way to go and this is one round in the 60s, but like I said, I'm pleased with the trajectory of my game and I'm optimistic about what this year's going to bring.

Q. It's nice to get a result though, isn't it?

BEAU HOSSLER: Oh, no doubt, absolutely. That's what we're all looking for, right? It's validation. And to be fair, getting results at home was nice as well because the kind of -- you start doing it well on the range and then you can take it to the course at home, and then you want to obviously ultimately bring it to competition, and then bring it to high leverage situations in competition, that's when you know you've really got it. Like I said, I'm stepping in that direction and that's what I'm really excited about.

Q. What's the home course these days?

BEAU HOSSLER: In Austin, Spanish Oaks.

Q. And how have you managed your patience through these last couple years as far as expectations versus results?

BEAU HOSSLER: Yeah, it's tough. I want to compete and win, but when you're hitting it kind of all over the place it's hard to do that. As you know, the scores on Tour most weeks is 15 to 20-plus under par and the fact is you're just not going to shoot those scores with your putter alone. I've putted really well, but I've just not hit my irons well, not hit my wedges well and that's obviously what I put a lot of work into. I will continue to do that because I think once I do that, I have a great chance to be, you know, a really good player out here.

With that said, it's a process. Like you said, the expectations are high. Other people have expectations, not that that really affects me whatsoever, but I know what I'm capable of doing and it's just a matter of executing and doing that again.