

**ROUND 2 INTERVIEW**  
**December 3, 2021**



**SAM BURNS ( -8)**

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**Q. Sam, how would you characterize that round, round of 65?**

**SAM BURNS:** A little bit better than yesterday. I don't know, just kind of everything was a little bit off yesterday. I putted it pretty good, but couldn't get enough looks. Then today just kind of got in a rhythm early. Made a good 5 on the par-5 3rd, hit it over there left of the green and then left it down there and then chipped it up about 15 feet and made it and that kind of just got me going a little bit. Yeah, overall great day. Travis did a really good job out there with the wind, some of the crosswinds. Yeah, overall solid round.

**Q. Did it take maybe a round of competition to familiarize yourself a little bit more even though you played a few rounds earlier in the week?**

**SAM BURNS:** Yeah, I think so. Obviously haven't played as much tournament golf in the last couple weeks, so it's one thing playing at home, but it's different in competition. Yeah, I think yesterday was -- I wish I would have got away with 3 under yesterday. Almost did until I hit it in the water on 18, but much better today.

**Q. When you -- I think you're 5-5 on top-20s in the fall. Is there any part of you that would just like to keep going?**

**SAM BURNS:** Well, this week I can top-20 because there's only 20 players.

**Q. Good point, that's right.**

**SAM BURNS:** I think for me it's just trying to build upon each week, just trying to get a little bit better and find areas where I can improve, so I think that's what we've tried to do all this past year and so far this fall as well.

**Q. Are you tinkering with any equipment looking ahead to next year?**

**SAM BURNS:** A little bit. I got a new golf ball in play this week, the new Chrome Soft X and it's been really, really good. It seems to be better in the wind than the previous one I was playing. I love it so far.

**Q. So you'll start at Sentry?**

**SAM BURNS:** Yeah.

**Q. And so you'll have a month off?**

**SAM BURNS:** Well, actually, I'm playing next week.

**Q. The Shark Shootout?**

**SAM BURNS:** Yep.

**Q. Another top-20.**

**SAM BURNS:** Yeah.

**Q. LSU, right?**

**SAM BURNS:** Yeah.

**Q. Do you follow football? If you do --**

**SAM BURNS:** Are you kidding me?

**Q. Just checking. Your thoughts on the hire?**

**SAM BURNS:** I love it, I think it's great. Brian Kelly has won everywhere he's been. I loved Coach O, too. I don't know if there's anyone who loves LSU football more than Coach O, but I think Brian will do a great job. I think he's a great recruiter, he seems like a good leader and I'm excited to see what he can do.

**Q. Do you get to games?**

**SAM BURNS:** I didn't go to any this year, but definitely I'll try to make one or two next year hopefully if it works out.

**Q. Do you set goals at the beginning of each year?**

**SAM BURNS:** Yeah.

**Q. Will those goals change dramatically going into next year considering what you've accomplished this year?**

**SAM BURNS:** Well, I've already set them for this season, I set them after East Lake this year, but I think they looked a little bit different than maybe I thought they would have been after last year.

**Q. Are they more -- I don't want you to get specific, but are they more statistic driven that I want to be top-10 in putts gained or --**

**SAM BURNS:** Yeah, there's definitely some statistics in there, for sure, trying to hit certain benchmarks. One of the things we kind of look at is every certain amount of events, maybe four events kind of see where we're progressing to and if something looks like it's fallen off a little bit, try to address that and work on it. Always trying to find ways to improve.