ROUND 2 INTERVIEW December 11, 2021



SAM BURNS
BILLY HORSCHEL (-21)

Q. Pretty impressive in this format for you guys. What was working so well for you guys today?

BILLY HORSCHEL: I think we both knew coming in today Sam was going to put the ball in the fairway because he hits it a long way, a lot further than I do. I was going to have to hit really good second shots, so I was just hoping to hit some really good close ones and I did. I hit some great wedge shots to 25 feet, 30 feet that he made. Yeah, it worked out very well.

Q. Sam, what was your takeaway from the day?

SAM BURNS: Yeah, I think kind of coming in today we never really spoke it but we knew that probably I was going to tee off with Billy's ball, he was going to hit that ball into the green and I was going to have a chance to make some putts. I rolled it well today. And then whenever he putted, he rolled it well, too. So I think that was -- we both kind of picked each other up whenever we hit bad shots. Really just overall a solid round.

Q. How difficult was it to stay patient yesterday?

BILLY HORSCHEL: Yeah, I mean --

SAM BURNS: You start off with eagle and then you bogey the next hole and it's like what just happened. I think honestly the format today is probably better for us than the scramble.

BILLY HORSCHEL: Yeah, I would agree with that. A scramble format you can go low but sometimes -- even still in alternate shot, modified alternate shot, if you've got two really good ball-strikers, two really good solid players, you can do some damage and we did that. I don't think we missed a green in regulation, so that takes a lot of stress off the game when we're putting for birdie. So we did a really good job of just knowing good golf was going to come.

Obviously we didn't get everything out of it like we did yesterday. We saw Marc Leishman hole out from everywhere on the golf course it seemed like again, so that's a little frustrating to watch, but the day was great. We did the right things and we're in a good position going in tomorrow. The best position I've ever been going in tomorrow, so I'm really excited about it, in my nine years.

Q. How did you guys bogey?

SAM BURNS: Well, I can tell you exactly. We both hit it in the fairway. We took Billy's. I

proceeded to chunk it short of the green and then Billy decided to hit it left of the green. Then we were like, okay, well, my chip's easier, it's pretty makeable, it's pretty straightforward. I chipped it about eight feet by the hole. Billy chipped it -- he said, "Watch this," chipped it nine feet past the hole, so took my putt, the eight-footer. I missed it and Billy missed it and then we counted it up and then we realized we made 5.

BILLY HORSCHEL: Our best shots we hit were the putts. We hit two really good putts that we thought we made and they both went over the left edge. It's really solid to make a bogey in a scramble format with two pros. It's something that --

SAM BURNS: Nobody else did it yesterday.

BILLY HORSCHEL: I mean, that's special.

SAM BURNS: We've got that going.

BILLY HORSCHEL: Exactly.

Q. Would it be a badge of honor if you guys won this thing making the only bogey in the tournament?

BILLY HORSCHEL: Yeah, I'll take it. I'll take two bogeys.

SAM BURNS: I'll take another bogey to win.

Q. You say you guys played at Zurich together? Did it help knowing each other's game when you come here?

BILLY HORSCHEL: It does. Sam's such a great player and it's nice. Obviously what he's done over the last two years is pretty impressive. He's 25 and obviously I think the world of him and his game. I think it's just going to keep getting better and better. It's nice when you've got a really solid partner that if you're a little off, he can pick you up. And we were a little off yesterday. We ham-and-egged it pretty well, or as my wife said, we should start the peanut butter and jelly because she doesn't -- what's the difference between ham-and-egg and peanut butter and jelly? Peanut butter and jelly's a lot better than ham and egg times. We have a great sense that we're going to pick each other up, we're not afraid of the moment. He's a really good ball-striker, which is huge, and he's a solid putter. So when you've got those two things working for you I feel like I'm a happy man when I've got a partner like that.