ROUND 3 INTERVIEW December 12, 2021



SAM BURNS
BILLY HORSCHEL (-32)

Q. How would you kind of characterize how the day went with you? Billy, we'll start with you.

SAM BURNS: Billy stealing my thunder on 18.

BILLY HORSCHEL: Once again got off to a slow start like we did in the scramble format and once again we made another bogey as two professionals playing a best ball format, so that's really solid. But other than that, we got hot. Sam made birdie at 6 appeared we played really well, we gave ourselves a lot of looks out there and I chipped in a couple times and.

SAM BURNS: We went, what, 10, 11, 12 --

BILLY HORSCHEL: We birdied every hole except 15 and I missed a putt I think I've had five straight years and I missed it the same way every time.

SAM BURNS: We've got it in the book this time.

BILLY HORSCHEL: We marked it in the book this time for next year.

SAM BURNS: If we're allowed to use that next year, who knows.

BILLY HORSCHEL: Yeah, great question. That's a good point.

No, it was fun out there. I actually thought the chip-in was a tie. Jason and Kevin, I didn't realize they made birdie on 18. I was sort of going based off how far his putt was and the reaction of the crowd and they didn't do too big of a clap or a cheer, but --

SAM BURNS: I would have aimed a little further left.

BILLY HORSCHEL: Yeah, Sam would have played a little more aggressive. It was a fun day out there, we played really well and it was just sucks to come up one short, that's all.

Q. Sam, can you add on anything there?

SAM BURNS: No, I think he's, I mean, pretty much spot on. I think we got up and down on 6 and then Billy made a great birdie on 8, great chip-in on 9 and then that kind of just got us going on the back. Unfortunately, we just ran out of holes.

BILLY HORSCHEL: I love playing with this guy, by the way. He's fun to play with. I've said for over a year now, he's 25 years old and he's way better than I was at that age. You know, I'm excited to see what he does over the next decade, 15-plus years on the PGA TOUR because that's going to be pretty special. Like I said, I'm just hoping he's not going to kick me to the curb as my partner in the format from now going forward.

SAM BURNS: From what I saw today, that's not happening.

BILLY HORSCHEL: That's good.

Q. Kevin and Jason in front of you, especially Kevin really had it going there, I think he made seven in a row.

BILLY HORSCHEL: Yeah, obviously we knew they were making birdies; we didn't know if it was one or both of them. At the end of the day in this format you've got to give two opportunities on the greens and obviously if one guy gets hot, that's great. I guess it was Kevin, and not shocking. You get that guy on the green, he can make a putt, a 50-foot putt look like a five-foot putt. He can roll that rock with the best of them.

Yeah, they played great and we played solid. If you look at it, they probably didn't take two bogeys over a three-day course and we did. Yeah, it was a fun week and I'm not going to change anything.

Q. One last quick question for both. You both had really good years in 2021. If you guys can kind of sum up the year, each one of you. Sam, why don't you start, please.

SAM BURNS: Yeah, great year. To win twice this past year was awesome. You know, I think having Travis out there with me, he's done a fantastic job. Really just a great team effort from everybody. I'm excited to get home for a couple weeks and rest and get ready for Maui.

BILLY HORSCHEL: Yeah, the year's been solid for me. Winning WGC Match Play and winning the BMW PGA is two great things. I'm a perfectionist and consistently I didn't play consistent enough throughout the year, that's why I didn't make the Ryder Cup team. But I need to do a better job getting back to playing more consistent golf like this guy has the last six months. He's going to take two weeks off and --

SAM BURNS: I didn't make the team either, so --

BILLY HORSCHEL: Yeah, but you played great the last six months, you're playing really good now. You'll make the next team, I promise you that. He's taking two weeks off to go hunt and I'm going to go grind at home and watch three kids run around and open up Christmas presents.