

ROUND 1 INTERVIEW
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BOB ESTES (-10)

Q. Bob, can you just open with your thoughts on your round today and what was going well for you?

BOB ESTES: I hit a lot of good iron shots and made lot of good putts, so that was the key to it for the most part. I drove it fairly well also, I was usually in play. Hit some iron shots close and the few times I didn't, I made some longer putts. For the most part, I just putted really well today.

Q. Bob, you played well yesterday with a tough finish. Is it the course, what is it? What's going on this week?

BOB ESTES: Well, it's a Nicklaus course and it fits my eye really well. You know, most Nicklaus courses do, there's lots of left-to-right tee shots and approaches to the greens as well.

As far as yesterday, I was playing really well until the last hole. I still was trying to play a little bit longer driver that, you know, tends to get me in trouble, so I had a shorter shaft that we put in the same head, worked with that on the range yesterday and that's why I was able to hit a much better tee shot on 18 today than I did yesterday.

Q. Have you been working on anything different leading up to this week? Anything change?

BOB ESTES: Well, not necessarily work anything different, but I've got a couple of variations in the set of irons that I play, Srixon 585s. I've been playing -- it's actually the opposite of what I just said as far as the driver, but the set that I've been playing for the last couple years is a little bit shorter so I end up a little bit too bent over and swinging a little bit too down at it. So the set that I put back in play last week before coming here is a little bit longer and the line goes a little bit flatter, so I'm standing a little taller and make a little cleaner contact.

Q. Going into round three tomorrow, how do you want to take the momentum you ended with today to start with tomorrow?

BOB ESTES: Well, yeah, just kind of do the same warmup as I did the last couple days and hopefully I'll pick up right where I left off.

Q. How much would that win tomorrow mean to you? I know you've --

BOB ESTES: Well, it would mean a lot. I haven't won a tournament since 2002 at the Kemper on the PGA Tour. And I won a U.S. Open qualifier in between now and then, but that doesn't really count, that's just a qualifier.

Yeah, it would mean a lot. I've been through a lot, I've worked hard for the most part on my game, equipment, training, stuff like that. Yeah, I'm just enjoying hitting more quality shots and putting better, too.

Q. (No microphone.)

BOB ESTES: Yeah, for the most part. You don't just go out and win a tournament. Obviously there's things that you work on, try to get better and making sure your equipment is right. So it's all coming together nicely. Yeah, I knew that I could play this well and yeah, it's still really early in the year so I should have a lot more chances the rest of this year and next year.