
Q. Do you feel like there's not much happening? Do you feel like you went quickly from being back in it, though, with three birdies in the last four holes?

SAM BURNS: Yeah, I mean, just kind of one of those days where I couldn't really get anything going. I felt like I was playing pretty good. I hit a lot of quality shots, just the putter went cold for a while, which was unfortunate. Yeah, I feel like hopefully -- the lead's at 11 right now, maybe get to 12 or 13, so hopefully be three or four shots back going in tomorrow, good spot.

Q. What is it about this golf course where no one's really separating? It's very tightly packed.

SAM BURNS: I think for starters it's really hard out of the rough. If you get the ball out of the fairway, it's difficult to get to some of these pin locations. And bermuda rough, just judging it's tough. You get some that you play for it to jump and it comes out soft and that can be a 30-yard difference. So I think that's the main thing. And then where they put the pins obviously makes it more difficult, little stuff like that.

Q. As it relates to your chances tomorrow, are you more concerned with the number of strokes you're behind or the number of players ahead of you?

SAM BURNS: Strokes.

Q. Why?

SAM BURNS: Well, I mean, I feel like it's -- for me, starting the day at four back is the same as starting the day basically -- if there was 20 guys ahead of me and I was still four back, it's pretty much the same to me as if I was starting the day four back and there was one guy ahead of me.

Q. (Inaudible) that you can shoot 63 and win (inaudible)?

SAM BURNS: Obviously it doesn't make sense from a number standpoint, but just from mentality of regardless of how many people are in front of me, I'm still four shots back. I think just knowing that you have a chance going into Sunday is really all I could ask for when I showed up here.

Q. Should have looked it up, but how far back were you last year?

SAM BURNS: If I had to guess, I'd probably say -- I don't know what I finished at last year, 16 or 17? I would say at least six or seven shots back. I think Harris was playing really well, he was -- was he 17 or 18 after three rounds?

Q. Yeah. What's just been the most satisfying or gratifying for you to play this week?

SAM BURNS: Yeah, it's been fun going out with Trave every day. We've had three weeks off so just enjoying the walk out there with him, and getting to catch up with him and see how his family's doing and see what's been going on the last few weeks with him is really fun.

Q. I think the number you threw at us the other day was eight pounds in eight days during your vacation. Have you lost any of that?

SAM BURNS: I guarantee I probably lost a pound a day here just from water weight. I haven't weighed since I was at home, but I probably lost a little of it.

Q. Have you ever been fat?

SAM BURNS: That's not -- I guess maybe. I don't think so.

Q. What position did you play in football?

SAM BURNS: I played a little bit of quarterback and safety.

Q. You were never fat. Skinny positions.

SAM BURNS: I mean, everybody goes through the awkward phase at like 12, 13 where you look a little pudgy, but ...

Q. Some of us stick with it.

Q. Is there any adjustment to the added weight this weekend?

SAM BURNS: Walk a little bit slower, I guess.

Q. I meant more swing-size.

SAM BURNS: I don't think so.

Q. Let's stay on this for just one second if you don't mind.

SAM BURNS: I see you're enjoying this.

Q. What is that you ate that allowed for the most poundage?

SAM BURNS: A lot of pita bread, hummus, some tequila. I didn't eat tequila, drank tequila. Pretty much everything in sight.

Q. Are you a dessert guy or more of a bread guy?

SAM BURNS: Oh, yeah, both. A lot of dessert.

Q. Great interview, isn't it? (No microphone.)

SAM BURNS: Our host family, they got us some chocolate chip cookies from, I forget the name of the bakery here, but they were unbelievable. I wish I could go get some more. I might have to, actually.

Q. (No microphone.)

SAM BURNS: That's not my speed. I like chocolate chip better.

Do you want to ask about my weight, too?

Q. No, no, I've got my own weight problems, sorry. Mentality at this point last year and this point this year like knowing you're top 5 in the FedExCup standings right now, how's the mentality different going into this and just sort of knowing you have that kind of cushion?

SAM BURNS: Exactly what you said, having that sense of freedom in knowing that I'm in Atlanta already. You know, tomorrow I can go out and play really aggressive and try to win the golf tournament, I don't have to be thinking about kind of where I need to finish to advance to next week, so there's a lot of freedom in that, which is nice. So yeah, I'm just excited to go out tomorrow and put a good round together.