

ROUND 1 INTERVIEW
November 17, 2022

BEAU HOSSLER (-6)



Q. First off, Beau, where's that sweet hat from yesterday that you had with the earmuffs?

BEAU HOSSLER: Yeah, you like that? Yeah, I need to get a visor with those earmuffs, that'd be pretty sweet.

Q. How would you kind of assess the round today?

BEAU HOSSLER: It was really solid. Actually when the conditions are as challenging as they are, in a way it helps you to not get ahead of yourself because every shot is challenging, even one that should be pretty straightforward. I think I did a good job of taking it one shot at a time, didn't ever look beyond where I was. You know, I executed well, I wouldn't say anything great. I putted well, just kind of kept it in front of me, tried to hit greens and get some decent looks and take advantage of the downwind holes.

Q. What was the most difficult part for you today of the conditions?

BEAU HOSSLER: Just how cold it was. I mean, I don't love it when it's freezing. We did a good job, we had the mittens out there, and the beanie and clothing helps, but you just feel different when it's really cold. Some days that's good and some days that's bad. Today fortunately I handled it pretty well. A lot of it is literally just preparation with your equipment, right, so we did that part right. It's challenging. It's a tough course even with no wind and decent temperature. To shoot the number I did in these conditions was excellent.

Q. You talked about not getting ahead of yourself in these type of conditions. Is that kind of just help you kind of focus a little bit more on every little detail of every shot?

BEAU HOSSLER: I suppose, yeah. I'd say more on a macro level, it makes you understand that even the easy holes are not easy today, right, and you can't take anything for granted. I would say I certainly do a good job no matter what the conditions are in focusing on each shot. I think understanding that it's challenging even on what should be the easy holes and it really keeps you dialed in to understand that really par's not hurting you at all today on any hole and manages expectations a little bit.

Q. I know we're in a new season now, but how would you kind of assess how 2022 has gone for you?

BEAU HOSSLER: You know, there's been some good. I'd say the main thing I'm excited about is I feel like I have learned a lot about my game, about the things that I need to



improve on, and then most importantly how I'm going to do that. Sometimes you get in this lull where you just don't -- you know what you need to improve on, but you don't really see the light how you're going to do that. I feel like lately I've started to see that, so hopefully I can continue to grow in that direction, and knock on wood, I think there's some good things around the corner.

Q. Which part of your game had you seen the most progress in?

BEAU HOSSLER: Driving has been better. I think basically my ball-striking. I don't really have trouble putting that often, usually putt pretty well. Short game's pretty good generally. I need to get better approach play with wedges and short irons and keep the ball in play off the tee. If I can do those things, I think I have a chance to do really well.

Q. How much have you played with Cole Hammer and what sort of advice have you given him as a Texas guy?

BEAU HOSSLER: I played with him a lot. Living in Austin, he's been there the last four years. I think he went four years to school, didn't he? Yeah, just finished.

He's a great kid. I mean, anyone who's met him really likes him. He's obviously an excellent player, very accomplished at every level. I would say per his expectations he's probably struggled a little bit since he's been a pro, but tell you what, I don't care what level you're playing at, it's ups and downs. I've had it in my career, every player out here's had it. I think there's a learning curve and once he gets comfortable at this level, just like I did, I think you start to say I can compete with these guys. He certainly has the ability and the competitive nature to do that. It's just a matter of him getting experience, getting comfortable, getting confident and then frankly just playing well and popping off at the right time.

