

JASON DAY
BILLY HORSCHEL (-22)

Q. Guys, thanks for joining us. In with a second round 61 to match the first round 61, obviously a different format. How does this round compare to the first for you guys?

BILLY HORSCHEL: Yeah, we played a lot better today than yesterday. When I say better, I think we just didn't make as many putts yesterday. Jason played beautifully out there, hit some unbelievable iron shots and I was able to convert the great iron shots that he made. It was a really solid round of golf out there today.

Q. Jason, your thoughts?

JASON DAY: Sounds like someone just holed out.

Yeah, I think sometimes the formats can -- sometimes the easy formats you kind of relax a little bit and then today, this is obviously the harder format out of all the three. It's nice to have a little pressure knowing that you have to stand up, hit a good shot.

Billy's been -- his putting's, like I said before, his putting's improved so much over the years and I feel like I just had to give him opportunities on the greens. Luckily enough, I hit some close ones and he was -- his speed control and his reading of the putts is really nice right now. It was nice to be able to give him the opportunities and him capitalizing on those.

Q. You guys have played here a lot, but this is the first time together, right?

JASON DAY: Yes.

Q. How's that combination been? Obviously it's working pretty well today, but what do you like about each other's games that suits your game I guess is what I'm asking?

BILLY HORSCHEL: I think Jason's been an unbelievable player and obviously you know we all know he's been dealing with some injuries over the last couple years. I played with him at Mayakoba earlier this year. I know he's been working hard on his game. I played with him last year and I saw some great signs from him and he was making great strides.

Yeah, it's great to play with Jason Day. He's a great putter, really good short game player. Obviously we know he was the No. 1 player in the world so it's not like it's gone and hidden and never found again stretch that out and never found again, but he just has to get healthy and he's healthy now and he's working hard. It's exciting to see him get back to the level of

play that he wants to get back to because we all know that a healthy Jason Day and a competitive Jason Day is great for the game of golf.

Q. And you on Billy?

JASON DAY: That's really nice. I really like Billy a lot, but man, I've got to leave this tent without a big head.

Like I said earlier, I think everyone out here on Tour loves Billy. I mean, been out here for a long time, we both came out around the same time and the guys love him in the locker room, he's easy to get along with and we both have very similar games, keeps it out in front of him, he's a very solid player tee to green. Like I said, he's improved drastically on and around the greens and he's become a very, very steady, complete player. I know that -- how competitive he is, ever since I've met him he's been super, super competitive. So it's nice to be able to see him develop over the years.

And then for us to be able to team up, it's been nice to play with one of the veterans and hopefully we've got one more day so we have to stay focused here.

Q. Was there a hole or maybe a particular shot out there today that you guys went, this is going to keep our momentum going or this is amazing or something that sort of --

JASON DAY: No, I don't think so. I think it was just like good steady momentum the whole way through. It was just building like solid, you know, build over the 18 holes. We started off great and then we didn't really let off through the round, which was nice.

Q. That start had to have been really energizing for both of you guys to start with three straight birdies I'm guessing, right?

BILLY HORSCHER: Yeah, it's good. In this format you want to get off to a fast start if you can. And obviously you like to keep it going, but sort of gives you a little comfort room that if you do hit a couple bad shots, you've got something in the bank.

Yeah, we played really solid. Jason made a big birdie putt I think on No. 5, that's always a really tough par 3. From there I felt like OK, this is going to be a really good day of golf from both of us and it was exciting to shoot 11 under par. Tell you the truth, it easily could have been 13, 14 under par. We had a couple putts that just burned the edges and we didn't birdie No. 6. It could have easily been a really special round of golf today.

Q. Looking at tomorrow, with how much experience you guys have here, you both have plenty of success, too, what does it take in tomorrow's format to be able to be successful?

JASON DAY: I think just give yourself the opportunities out there. I know that like just get



stuck in your own game and try and make as many birdies. I know that you have a partner, but like really just trying to do the best job you can personally. I think if you can go out there and shoot somewhere between 5 and 10 on your own ball, hopefully your partner picks up some of those other ones on the other holes and then you're potentially in and around the lead.

