

**ALBERTSONS BOISE OPEN**  
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**ROUND 1 INTERVIEW**  
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**EVAN HARMELING (-9)**



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**Q. Great round, tied for the lead. What was going well today?**

**EVAN HARMELING:** I mean, I was just calm out there, which is nice. Yeah, I played well. I mean, made some putts. It was nice to kind of keep the momentum going with a couple longer putts coming in there. Yeah, it was a good round.

**Q. What was the eagle today, just on in two and make a putt or --**

**EVAN HARMELING:** Yeah, yeah, I just hit a good drive. I've been trying to swing within myself. I've been chasing distance. The light went off last week, let's just bunt it out there and keep it in the fairway. The bunt goes far enough.

Yeah, I've been driving it well, and then hit a 7-iron in there and made about a 10-footer. We all hit good shots in there, it was nice to play with RJ and Brendon. Made a lot of birdies and kind of just kept the momentum going.

**Q. Was there like a particular play or strategy, like someone or something in particular that got you down like the chasing distance sort of rabbit hole?**

**EVAN HARMELING:** No, just me wanting to hit it further than people, which is not the goal. Yeah, no, it's -- no, I've always wanted to hit the ball a long way, and when I kind of dial it back and just take what I can get and what I can hit straight, then good things happen.

**Q. When would you say, like when did you maybe start like going down that path to try and like do that this year?**

**EVAN HARMELING:** Well, you guys saw that rope flow video last week. I mean, that's kind of what I do to -- I mean, I've gained power from that. I started doing that in December kind of every day.

**Q. Do you regret maybe going down the path a little bit?**

**EVAN HARMELING:** Oh, no, not at all. No, it's great, I like having another gear, but just, I mean, Jack used to say that he -- I think he said that -- and he was the longest guy out there back in his day. He would unleash on like one or two balls a round or a week, like one or two a week I think he said. I think he just -- there's no need to swing for the fences all the time.



Yeah, the second I -- it was on the eighth hole the first round last week and I was like, you know what, I'm just going to hit cuts. Hitting the ball shorter with my irons is better anyway. You don't want to rip your 9-iron to the moon all the time. I mean, it's nice to have it, but you want to just control, that's the name of the game, especially when a course is gettable and when you're not playing an 8,000-yard course, you just want to control the ball.

**Q. And how would you assess what the season has been like for you this year?**

**EVAN HARMELING:** It's been a good year. I've been building up, my game's been building up to this point. I just want to stay focused on my keys, stay focused on what I'm doing and kind of take it one step at a time really. One shot at a time, one step at a time, try not to get ahead of myself, that's the goal.

**Q. Has it been different the last month or so maybe compared to last year where if you had a similar season you were basically going to be going home as opposed to now where you still have four more weeks to play yourself into almost anything?**

**EVAN HARMELING:** I'm not sure. Yeah, I mean, just being here reminds me a lot of a couple years ago in the Playoffs when it really is -- like one pretty good week and you're on Tour. That was crazy how that happened -- I mean, how the Playoffs worked. I mean, it's obviously a different story, but really it's a different story but it's the same thing. You play golf, you play well and good things will happen.

