

**BMW CHARITY PRO-AM**  
presented by TD SYNEX

**ROUND 2 QUOTES**  
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**BILL HAAS (-13)**

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**Q. Just thoughts on the first two rounds here and being in contention at a place that you're obviously very familiar with?**

**BILL HAAS:** Yeah, it's just a lot of fun. I was happy to get the start. Kind of just looking for a place to play, and hopefully the big Tour every now and then. Obviously this tournament being in my hometown and a course I grew up on, just worked out.

Obviously you never know. I've not played in this event since 2005 and I don't really remember having these feelings of like being the hometown guy like I do this week for whatever reason.

I had plenty of fans out there today, that was a lot of fun. People that I'm buddies with that haven't seen me play golf, so that was fun to be out there in front of them, and to shoot a good score is just bonus.

**Q. I think you live over on Greenville Country Club now, but how often are you able to get back here?**

**BILL HAAS:** I come over here a decent amount. I do live at Greenville Country Club, I play there mostly and try to get over here as much as I can. My dad and mom are still here and some other family members that play a lot out here at Thornblade. So I try to get out here and play as much as I can. I enjoy it at both places.

**Q. What would you say that you were hoping to accomplish coming into this week?**

**BILL HAAS:** I don't know, I guess just in golf for me, my golf game in general, I'm just looking to improve. I kind of felt like I've gone downhill for a number of years now and I'm too young to just fall off. I'm just trying to play better than I have been playing. I don't think it's -- for me, I don't think I'm going to just, bam, win a major next year; I'm going to have to work my way back up there if I can.

So I'm just trying to prove to myself that putting in some effort, something good can happen. It's only been two rounds and one of them's at my home course that I grew up on, so I'm not putting too much on that, but at the same time I could have easily shown up here and not played well. So fortunate to do some good and hopefully going forward this can be a momentum builder.



**Q. You've obviously done a lot of charity work in the area. Could you just fill us in on some of the things that you're still doing to kind of contribute to charities in the area here?**

**BILL HAAS:** If anybody asks, I'm happy to be involved with. I try to do as much as I can when I'm home, and I've been home more lately than I would have liked, more than I have in the past.

For about five years we did a pro-am, I brought some Tour players in and raised a decent amount of money for some great people and that was a lot of fun.

It's just nice to be able to use the game of golf to give back. That's what the PGA TOUR, Korn Ferry Tour, that's what they've done for a bunch of years and it's just fun when you as an individual feel like you do a little extra.

**Q. Do you have a particular memory here through the years that sort of stands out above everything else?**

**BILL HAAS:** Well, I don't know. I mean, I played the state amateur here when I was in high school. I remember playing not even that great in that, but that was maybe the first time that I played in a big event. And I was pretty young and out of my league at that time, I do remember that, some of those shots. I've played a bunch of rounds and bunch of shots. You try to channel those out here in a tournament and just say just because it's a tournament doesn't mean you can't hit those shots here today, so maybe that helped me a little bit out there.

**Q. What are you looking forward to the most about this weekend?**

**BILL HAAS:** Well, I've got my nephew on the bag, he's 12, and so I'm trying to -- I'm dragging him along, he's dragging me along. We're just out there trying to get by. Luckily, playing with Harry Higgs, his caddie, Matt, they were great with him and it made it easy on me. We're just trying to enjoy the experience.

It's actually been really good for me having him out there. He's a great kid. My boys are almost to his age, so I think going forward I'd love to have my boys out there doing it a little bit as well. We're just trying to have fun.

Obviously a couple more 60 -- something in the 60s would be nice, too.

**Q. You kind of mentioned that it feels more like a hometown event this time around than before. Why do you think that is?**

**BILL HAAS:** I don't know. I think when I was super young, for one, I was -- you know, I'm definitely still Jay Haas' son, but I think I was more so that then a little bit. And I hadn't done



anything in the game of golf, so there was no -- it's not pressure, it's just that acknowledgment, I guess.

So now I think people acknowledge that I've played good golf in the past, so certainly don't want to come here and show up and, you know, really struggle. I don't know, there's that little bit of added pressure that flows into your head a little bit, I really want to do well this week in front of some people that I care about. So for whatever reason, back then maybe I was just young enough where it was just mom and dad I was trying to impress.

