

ROUND 2 QUICK QUOTE
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BILLY HORSCHER (-10)



Q. Billy, 2-under 68 in this round, if we can get some comments on your play.

BILLY HORSCHER: Yeah, solid round of golf today, felt like I played really well. Made a couple bad bogeys at 11 and 16, but made some long par putts on 14 and No. 1. So just in between clubs on 14 and No. 6 where I made a three-putt again, chose the wrong club.

All in all, I felt I hit a lot of quality golf shots. The pins were really difficult. We started on the back, so I felt like the first 10 holes, six of the first 10 greens had the toughest pin locations that they could have on those greens. It was a challenge out there. Obviously it wasn't as good as 8 under, but it was a solid round of golf. Could have been a little bit better, maybe clean up a few mistakes but also had a couple putts that a little bit harder, it goes in.

Q. And on a week like this, is patience the key and what's your mindset these next couple rounds?

BILLY HORSCHER: Yeah, patience is the key. We always know the winning score is always around 18, 20 under par, we know what we need to get to, you know you need to just keep giving yourself opportunities, keep putting the ball in the fairway, keep giving yourself opportunities on the greens and hopefully at some point you get on a little roll and make some birdies here and you sort of can push the gas pedal down a little bit when that happens.

Q. Twelve straight trips to the FedExCup Playoffs, I know you're projected 18th right now. How important is it, how much is Eastlake on your mind to raise that FedExCup again?

BILLY HORSCHER: It's huge. One of my goals every year is to get to the Tour Championship and have a chance to win the FedExCup again. Obviously this year was going to be really difficult due to the fact of not being in Signature Events and I was going to have to play really well in the open events I got in and hopefully get some sponsor exemptions here and there, which I was fortunate enough to get and take advantage of the Signature Events.

I felt I've had a really good year. Right now I'm just trying to position myself in a better position for Eastlake, try and get inside that top-10, get inside the top-5. Obviously I can't do that this week, but play well this week, play well the next couple weeks, put myself in a really good position going into Eastlake and hopefully be able to raise another FedExCup trophy 10 years on from when I did my last.



Q. This is your first tournament back since The Open Championship and you're in contention again. First of all, how did you process that? I mean, the week after, what was it like for you?

BILLY HORSCHTEL: I mean, I walked off -- walked out of Royal Troon obviously disappointed I didn't win, but I held my head up high because I played well, I did everything I could. Yeah, I missed a short putt at 8 and I made a bad swing at 10, but I didn't lose the golf tournament. I played a really good round of golf. If obviously I make a few more putts there earlier on the back side, it's a different story.

But Xander played unbelievable. You've got to tip your cap to him, to shoot 64 in the final round of a major is impressive.

Yeah, I was disappointed. I had a 6:00 a.m. flight the next morning and I didn't sleep at all, I couldn't go to sleep. I was just still wired too much about that entire week and the opportunity I had. But I got over it very quickly. I just want to get back to the opportunity of having a chance to win a tournament. Then obviously I've got to wait another seven, eight more months to put myself there again in a major. I can move on very quickly. I was very happy with how I played, so I didn't dwell on it too much.

Q. So how good is it to be back in contention this week?

BILLY HORSCHTEL: Oh, really good. You want to get back on the horse as soon as you can, you want to give yourself chances in contention again. My record here has been really good over the last I would say six, seven years and I knew this course has been fairly kind to me. As long as I didn't get too far ahead of myself with expectations or anything, I knew I was going to be hopefully have a chance to be in contention again and I'm right there with 36 to go.

