

ROUND 1 QUICK QUOTES
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SAM BURNS (-9)

Q. Sam, opened with a 63, your first bogey-free round at Pebble Beach Golf Links. Just talk about today.

SAM BURNS: Yeah, I mean, anytime you can go bogey free regardless of where you're playing is always a good thing, and especially to do it around here. It was nice, I made a significant amount of putts and feel like I was hitting it pretty nice. It was a good combination for today. Really just a great group playing with Corey and Charles and Jake, so we had fun out there. The weather was perfect, so we really just were trying to enjoy the day.

Q. You started off a little slow and then really got into a rhythm on your back nine. Can you just talk about what was different or what was working for you?

SAM BURNS: Yeah, I think making the birdie there on 5, it's always a hole that you're just trying to make a 3 and move on, so to kind of steal one there. And then unfortunately not to birdie 6, hit two good shots right in front of the green and just kind of had a weird little putt chip and didn't execute it. It was nice to birdie 8 and then make a long one on 10, that kind of gave me some momentum for the rest of the round.

Q. Spyglass tomorrow, what's the game plan going into that?

SAM BURNS: Yeah, it's a golf course where you have to go and execute. You get some quirky shots around there so it's a place where you try to give yourself a lot of putts at birdies and kind of play smart when you have to. I think the wind's supposed to be a little bit up tomorrow so it will be a good test.

Q. Yeah, I was going to ask what got into you on the back nine. That was an impressive back nine.

SAM BURNS: Thank you. Yeah, you know, I chipped in, holed some putts. That's kind of one of those things you have to do whenever you shoot on nine holes 6 or 7 under.

Q. So when you see the conditions like this, have you seen Pebble this nice?

SAM BURNS: Yeah, Monday may have been a little bit better, it might have been a little less wind on Monday, but this is hard to beat, hard to beat this.

Q. It seems like you were playing in the group with the only two celebrities in the field. Made you think back to the old days?



SAM BURNS: Yeah, a little bit. I think Charles and Jake were both great. We had a blast out there, they're great to play with. Overall it was just a really fun day.

Q. How does your mindset change having those guys with you?

SAM BURNS: It doesn't really. I mean, when it's your time to hit and you're focused on the shot, you're kind of engaged with what you're doing. After that you're able to kind of chat with them and talk about what they do and their families and that sort of thing.

Q. Looking forward to tomorrow at Spyglass?

SAM BURNS: Yeah, for sure. It's a great golf course, it's a fun course to play. Like I said, you have to go around and execute well there, so hopefully that's the plan.

