ROUND 2 QUICK QUOTES
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Q. Billy, sorry about today. I feel like it's a tough ask to go even par over the last three in those conditions.

BILLY HORSCHEL: I don't know if I would say that. I think I did the hardest part on the last few holes is hit 16 fairway and then we just got the wind wrong. We just -- we thought it was off the left and it was in. And I hit a quality, decent quality second shot and plugged in the bunker. And had a good third shot and missed the putt and I just hit a fat 7-iron on 17.

So it just, the last two holes are sort of a cosm of my year a little bit. I mean, I missed a lot of cuts, being on the cutline or being one inside and messing up coming in.

My game has not been consistent enough. It's not been anywhere where it's been the last decade. My ball-striking hasn't been as reliable. Today's been a perfect example. When you need to hit quality golf shots in conditions like this, I didn't do a good enough job of that.

We understand the issue of it, it's probably maybe more of a physical issue than it is a technical issue of any kind. Yeah, sort of stinks to miss the cut when I fought hard for 15 holes and put myself on the cutline and then to mess up the way I did.

Q. In August you gave yourself an F for your season. I know this is probably a bad time to ask this question but you did have some better results over the fall. Anything change over the last two months in that evaluation?

BILLY HORSCHEL: No, it's still an F, maybe F-plus. Listen, I look at the year and the first three, three and a half months physically I wasn't -- I wasn't strong enough to play. My hip wasn't -- couldn't withstand the endurance of what I was putting it through.

Then around mid April started playing or started feeling better. The hip, the care I had to do for it on a day-to-day basis starting becoming less, which was nice.

Then, like I said, ball-striking wise was good enough over the last several months, putting hasn't been. Putting started getting better around August and I've putted decently well, but I just haven't been consistent enough day in and day out. That's what it takes to compete at the highest level out here and I didn't do that.

I gave myself plenty of opportunities out here. I've played the most events of anyone on the PGA Tour of 31 events, which is -- when you come off a hip surgery six months after hip surgery, you don't think you're going to play 31 events and you play 31 events and you get through physically with no issues, a sense of setbacks or anything, it's really cool.

But at the same time it sucks that I gave myself that many opportunities and I didn't take advantage of all those opportunities to play well. I could rattle off the four or five events I missed by -- cuts I missed by a shot, or the events where I played well, I was in good position after 36 holes and I just didn't play well on the weekend. So everything I have historically done over my career, I did none of that this year so that's a disappointing thing of it.

Q. You talked about the physical might still be limiting you a little bit.

BILLY HORSCHEL: I think it's a strength thing. I think I have -- the cool thing is I have more range of motion in my hip.

Q. As in even before?

BILLY HORSCHEL: Oh, yeah, I had like maybe 2 or 3 of internal rotation, now I have 15, 18, which is a really great thing to have.

But I think in the sense of Todd and I talking about this week and why some days, you know, some days and some weeks the hip seems to be stable in the sense of I load into it and holds and other weeks like this week's been a challenge, it sort of just gives out in the backswing, I think it's a pure strength factor.

Q. Is it getting better over time?

BILLY HORSCHEL: Yeah, it has, but I don't think we've worked on it -- I don't think we -- when we look back on it, it's probably a misstep by us.

When you gain more mobility, you need to have more strength in it now to be able to withstand the tension, you know, what I'm putting into the backswing to be able to hold its position.

It's just as strong as it was last year before the hip surgery, but needs to be stronger now because I have more mobility in it. So it's something that we're going to have to address this offseason.

As disappointed as I am, I'm pretty excited because as bad as I could play this year, I had a chance to finish inside the top-100. I mean, like I said, you look at my stats and I think they're all red. So there's a lot of improvement. Swing-wise there's a lot of great stuff that we're doing. Short game-wise has been better the last couple weeks, and the putter I put in around Nashville, I've seen the quality of putts I hit and the way I set up to it is a lot better.

But like I said, it's just a consistency thing that I need to do a better job of is be a better golfer day in and day out.

Q. Practically speaking, it may be too early for this, but what's the difference -- you'll finish at like 105 or 104. What's the difference between that and 99 in terms of which tournaments you'll get to play on the --

BILLY HORSCHEL: Not much. I mean, listen, there's -- a great example, I barely -- in '23 I had a bad year, I was 125. I had full status no matter what and I wasn't in any Signature Events. I played really well, got in a couple Signature Events. Didn't take advantage of those Signature Events. But I look at '23 and I played really -- I played bad and going into '24, I get in, I get to the Tour Championship without being guaranteed Signature Events.

There's a lot of great examples for guys this year. Jackson Suber, Ben Kohles, Doug Ghim. I know I'm forgetting someone else, I think there's a fourth guy in there who's played really well out of that category.

I'm pretty much going to get in pretty much every open event on the PGA Tour. Probably not Phoenix, I'm going to have to make a call to Chance Cosby, who I've had a relationship with at Ping for a long time. I think they get one or two sponsor exemptions and there's going to be a lot of guys pushing for that, so that's going to be a tough one.

Then I haven't looked at it too far in advance, but I know I'm going to get in quite a few events and I've got to be able to take advantage of those opportunities like a Ben Kohles did, a Jackson Suber, a Doug Ghim. Those guys did a really good job this year of taking advantage of it. You know, that's a great -- those three guys right there are great sort of people to copy for next year.

Q. Billy, (inaudible) you won the FedExCup (inaudible). Just curious, how does playing in those pressure moments compare to playing to stay inside the top-100?

BILLY HORSCHEL: Yeah, I tell you what, I felt very comfortable all day, I wasn't nervous at all. I've had rounds this year where I've been nervous and I've dealt with more anxiety than I've ever had in my career, dealt with more nerves than I ever had in my career. I think that comes from maybe a little bit of the unknown, just not confident enough in my game.

But today I felt very comfortable. I just, I just didn't hit it good enough. I mean, the swing was off and when you're playing in conditions like this, it's really tough to control the golf ball.

I think I only hit like four greens in regulation today, so when you're trying to scramble to save pars, you're having to work really hard. And I needed to make some birdies to get myself a little cushion, I just didn't do it.

But yeah, I mean, listen, it stinks because I did lose a card, I lost a full card. I still have conditional status, I still have a card for next year, I'm still going to play 20-something-plus events on the PGA Tour. I'm still excited, I want 2027 to start next week to get going.

But yeah, there are nerves because I think there's a pride factor that I didn't want to finish

outside the top-100, I haven't done that since 2012 so it's been quite a while. But at the same time, got to look -- got to look at reality, got to look at myself in the mirror and understand I've got to be a better player.

I've got to work hard this offseason so I can come back and get back to where I believe my game still can be and still compete with the best players in the world and still move up that top in the World Ranking, and I still believe there's a major in my future. I just have to work hard, I have to work on the right things, I have to get better. And great things, we have two, two-plus months to get better at and I'm excited to get to work tomorrow.