

ROUND 1 INTERVIEW
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BILLY HORSCHEL (-7)

Q. Well, Billy, great start to the tournament. Talk about the importance of getting off to a good start here.

BILLY HORSCHEL: Yeah, I mean, it's a great day of golf, no bogeys, seven birdies. So obviously if you look back at the history of this tournament, you know it's low scores, you've got to go low. I was pretty shocked to see how low they were, especially with new greens being so firm.

But I think, you know, the pins were accessible, some of the tees were moved up on par 3s, made it a little bit easier, so I would expect the course to play a little bit tougher as the week goes along. I'm just -- I'm guessing it's going to be a birdie-fest against this year.

Q. With the new way the FedExCup is going, just talk about the importance of getting off to a good start to the season.

BILLY HORSCHEL: Well, the FedExCup season, a new one, you always want to get off to a good start, but especially seeing that there's one less playoff event, it's vitally important to establish a spot up in the top-30 before going to the Playoffs. It's going to be tougher, there's not going to be as much volatility moving in and out of the top-30 as years past, so it's really important to -- when you get opportunities to play well and make a lot of points and move up and secure yourself, you know, get a head start. I think it's awesome with less -- one less playoff event with the TOUR Championship, the FedExCup being before Labor Day so it's before football, so we're going to get more viewership. Just everything's a lot better system that the PGA TOUR came up with.

Q. And then your game rounding into form at the end of last season and you've continued it, what have you been working on that you've seen?

BILLY HORSCHEL: I'm just staying out of my way. My game is in really good shape right now, I'm not trying to overthink anything. I'm just continuing to work on the little things that Todd Anderson and myself have been working on for the last few months, still trying to work on the same stuff that my sports psychologist, Bhrett McCabe, and I have been doing. And then from there, it's just Josh and I doing our job out on the golf course, try not to overthink a shot, just see it and go. That's what we've been good at and it's been nice to see the results coming to fruition.

Q. Real quick, I got a question for you, just curiosity. I was watching on the range maybe -- I don't know if it was Atlanta or Northern Trust, but you hit one shot and you're like, if I just keep it there, like everything else just flows. What was that?

BILLY HORSCHER: So if I can get up to -- if I can get up to the top and get everything set and not move forward on it, it's pretty easy for me. For me, it's like when this leg stays stable, then my arms come down in front of me.