

HAROLD VARNER III (-8)

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**Q. Is there a certain comfort factor here being a North Carolina native?**

**HAROLD VARNER III:** Yeah, I feel good. I love coming back home and playing anytime. It's nice to get in your car, you don't really have to do too much, I can go home tonight. Yeah, it will be good.

**Q. So many great shots today. I always like to ask the player what was your favorite shot that you look back on this round and say, wow, that was really something that I'm glad I pulled off?**

**HAROLD VARNER III:** I would say the two-putt on the last, I didn't want to make (inaudible). Yeah, I haven't gone through the round yet, so that was a great question that I have no answer to, so I'll go with the two-putt, for sure. Momentum's everything.

**Q. Yeah, 65 feet away and a two-putt. Well done, Harold and looking forward to the second round after the 62.**

**Q. Joined now by Harold Varner, III. Harold, it seemed like one of those days where the ball-striking was just dialed in. At what point in your round could you tell I'm going to be able to take it low?**

**HAROLD VARNER III:** Not until I got done on 18. Yeah, I've been hitting really well the last two or three months, but I made some putts today, that was the difference. Like getting those looks and capitalizing on them.

**Q. You're 8 under through 15. At any point did your mind start wandering as you walked off the 15th green, okay, this is what could possibly happen?**

**HAROLD VARNER III:** Dang, I wish I would have. No, I didn't think about it at all. Just trying to birdie every hole. You can go get it out here obviously with the scores, so I just knew that, you know, gas pedal's on the right.

**Q. You're a North Carolina guy originally, I know you have some family in the area, obviously you live in nearby Charlotte. What's the draw like Wyndham week knowing that you have people that you care about nearby?**

**HAROLD VARNER III:** Yeah, just love playing in front of people that you know love you so much. It's just trying to -- it's unfortunate this year because I enjoy the cheers and stuff, but we'll get through this year and figure it out. Yeah, it's just good to be close to home.

**Q. Great round. What was working so well for you? How would you characterize it?**

**HAROLD VARNER III:** I hit it really well, but just capitalized on the chances I got. I can't really remember most of the round, but I just know I had a lot of looks and that's all you're trying to do out here since you've got to shoot so low. Yeah, but the biggest thing is the two-putt on 18, just not giving it away when you've worked that hard.

**Q. How comfortable are you with your game right now?**

**HAROLD VARNER III:** Really comfortable. Yeah, it's good. I've either played really well or really bad, but it's just so nice to be playing close to home.

**Q. I think I heard you say you didn't realize you had four birdies in a row?**

**HAROLD VARNER III:** No, I still didn't. I'm trying to jog it through my brain right now. No, I did not.

**Q. How does that happen? How do you not know that?**

**HAROLD VARNER III:** I forget a lot of stuff, so I can see that happening a lot. Yeah, so I birdied -- yeah, I did. That's pretty cool.

**Q. Did you think at any time that 59 might be out there?**

**HAROLD VARNER III:** No, but I wish I would have thought about it, just get some more goosebumps. I've never done that before. I've never completed a round to be able to have a chance to shoot 59, especially playing with my friends. Yeah, that would be pretty cool, but 62 will do.

**Q. What did you learn from the experience of playing, really having a chance to win at Colonial?**

**HAROLD VARNER III:** A lot. Just stay in the present, work on the shot at hand and sometimes stuff's just not going to go your way. But attitude's everything and I just want to keep getting in that -- in contention obviously, because there's nothing like it. It's why you play, it's why you practice. But Colonial stung a little bit because I keep getting there about every month or so, but I just know that my time's coming eventually.

**Q. As positive a person as you are, is it hard to stay that positive about, you know, being close and still not having that first win?**

**HAROLD VARNER III:** It's not hard at all. Life's really hard. What people are going through right now, yeah, this is easy. I don't care if I don't ever win. I want to win, but it is what it is.

**Q. Have you made a caddie change recently?**

**HAROLD VARNER III:** Yeah, they're gonna job share. Actually, they're deciding that, Chris and Ray. I know Ray's caddying the Playoffs. Yeah, I guess it's a change. it's kind of weird.

**Q. When did you make the decision?**

**HAROLD VARNER III:** Chris' first week was last week, yeah. Sorry, I didn't mean to be short, I don't really know how else to answer, sorry.

**Q. When did you start working with Brad? What led you to him?**

**HAROLD VARNER III:** I did a phone lesson with him Monday of Riviera and I played unbelievable. But Ray, friend of my caddie, he knew Bradley pretty well. I'm just really big about them being close because growing up, obviously working with Bruce, I could always just -- it was a luxury to be able to just go see him as soon as you start hitting it bad. So Brad was pretty close and I went one time and just started hitting it really well.

**Q. He doesn't follow sort of a traditional teaching --**

**HAROLD VARNER III:** No.

**Q. Was that an adjustment for you or did that appeal to you?**

**HAROLD VARNER III:** I'm not really sure because I don't think enough to really know like what's really going on. I just have a few feels and it's kind of where the ball's going, so that's -- that actually helped because it just became just do this, the ball's going to go here, if you don't do it, the ball's going to go here. So you just have a -- you can fix it, that's what I like.

**Q. Seems like a simplified approach.**

**HAROLD VARNER III:** Yeah, I've only taken lessons from people that keep it pretty simple, for sure.