

ROUND 2 INTERVIEW
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SAM BURNS (-7)

Q. Sam, what a solid round much golf. Really impressed with, well, the entire game, but hitting 15 of 18 greens, really solid ball-striking.

SAM BURNS: Yeah, I think Travis did a great job all day just trying to put us in the right spots and I think we were able to do that for the most part. I think that's the challenging part of this golf course, it takes a lot of discipline around here. You get out of position, you just try to get it back to where you can get it up and down or get it in a section of the green where you can lag putt it. Fortunately early we got some good looks and was able to convert, so solid.

Q. Travis Perkins, your caddie. Talk to us to about the par 5s. You only get three of them and you birdied all three in the second round.

SAM BURNS: Yeah, I think -- I don't even know what the first one is, 8, had a good number, 124 a little into the wind so it was a good gap wedge. Hit it in there about 12 feet and made it. Then on 16 we kind of had a weird number in between a hybrid and a 3-wood and kind of got away with one there hitting it left of the water. Then really wasn't even trying to get that ball very close to the hole, we kind of had a bad lie over there so just trying to get something on the green and was able to get it up and down.

Q. A couple holes out here that I find really interesting, the short par 4, the 13th, and the short par 3, the 15th. I think you're kind of playing defense on those despite having wedges in.

SAM BURNS: Yeah, like I said, this golf course, you get up there and you have 120 yards, but it's not your typical 120-yard shot. I think for us coming in this week it was just like let's just see how disciplined we can be around here and so far I think we've done a good job of that.

Q. You got yourself in contention at the Safeway Open a couple weeks ago, top-10 finish. What did you learn from that week that you could apply to the weekend?

SAM BURNS: Yeah, I think slowing down a little bit, really talking through the shot with Travis and making sure we have a clear picture of what we're trying to do, I think that was really helpful to learn that.

Q. In terms of what you learned yesterday on the golf course you were able to apply today, did you feel like it played easier today given what you learned yesterday?

SAM BURNS: I feel like I played better today, but I think I drove it better today, hit more fairways, just able to have a few more chances and I think that was really the difference, and when I got in the rough, I was able to get it in the right spots around the greens.

Q. And was the early tee time an advantage today versus playing late yesterday?

SAM BURNS: Yeah, I mean, I think Bermuda greens, they don't really weather as much as some other types of grass, so they stay pretty consistent throughout the day. I grew up playing on Bermuda so I really like the greens a lot. Yeah, looking forward to the weekend.