



SAM BURNS (-7)

Q. Just assess your round.

SAM BURNS: Yeah, off to a hot start there at 1 with eagle on the first hole. I think we were just pretty consistent throughout the round. We knew we were going to have a tough stretch there to kind of start the back nine. I think just being patient out here. This golf course at times doesn't offer you a lot of opportunities, so I think just with that mindset going in we were just going to kind of take what we could get.

Q. Were you surprised you were able to go so low? Guys talked about the course was probably going to play harder this week because of the conditions.

SAM BURNS: I mean, I think Travis, my caddie, did a great job of putting us in the right spots. I think a lot of this good play goes to him. He's been really good out there and he's kind of kept me calm and amps me up a little bit when I need it. I think he just did a good job today.

Q. When you look back at your round, what do you take more comfort in, or excitement from, the eagle on 1 or the birdie on 17?

SAM BURNS: I think probably the birdie on 17 just because I drove it in a bad spot. We were able to hit a good layup up there to a good number and wedge it in there close. I think we just tried to give ourselves the best looks we could.

Q. Patrick Cantlay was in here earlier and we asked him, how long -- when you finish with kind of a tough round on a Sunday, how long do you hold onto that until you come to the next event. How long did you hold on to Sunday at Pebble, if at all?

SAM BURNS: Just about when I drove out of the parking lot. It's golf, man. It will eat at you if you let it. I think just forgetting the bad ones and learn as much as you can. I think we just hope to keep putting ourselves in that position.

Q. Were you aware that Sir Nick Faldo picked you to win this week?

SAM BURNS: I was not, no.

Q. He said on the broadcast I think a couple of times that he said you're a good ball-striker, he likes you around a place like this. What does that mean to you to hear something like that from Nick Faldo, that he picked you to win this week?

SAM BURNS: Yeah, it's a great compliment. Anytime a guy like that says you're going to play well, it's always a good sign, I guess.