

**ROUND 1 INTERVIEW**  
**April 1, 2022**



**BOB ESTES (-10)**

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**Q. Bob, can you just open with your thoughts on your round today and what was going well for you?**

**BOB ESTES:** I hit a lot of good iron shots and made lot of good putts, so that was the key to it for the most part. I drove it fairly well also, I was usually in play. Hit some iron shots close and the few times I didn't, I made some longer putts. For the most part, I just putted really well today.

**Q. Bob, you played well yesterday with a tough finish. Is it the course, what is it? What's going on this week?**

**BOB ESTES:** Well, it's a Nicklaus course and it fits my eye really well. You know, most Nicklaus courses do, there's lots of left-to-right tee shots and approaches to the greens as well.

As far as yesterday, I was playing really well until the last hole. I still was trying to play a little bit longer driver that, you know, tends to get me in trouble, so I had a shorter shaft that we put in the same head, worked with that on the range yesterday and that's why I was able to hit a much better tee shot on 18 today than I did yesterday.

**Q. Have you been working on anything different leading up to this week? Anything change?**

**BOB ESTES:** Well, not necessarily work anything different, but I've got a couple of variations in the set of irons that I play, Srixon 585s. I've been playing -- it's actually the opposite of what I just said as far as the driver, but the set that I've been playing for the last couple years is a little bit shorter so I end up a little bit too bent over and swinging a little bit too down at it. So the set that I put back in play last week before coming here is a little bit longer and the line goes a little bit flatter, so I'm standing a little taller and make a little cleaner contact.

**Q. Going into round three tomorrow, how do you want to take the momentum you ended with today to start with tomorrow?**

**BOB ESTES:** Well, yeah, just kind of do the same warmup as I did the last couple days and hopefully I'll pick up right where I left off.

**Q. How much would that win tomorrow mean to you? I know you've --**

**BOB ESTES:** Well, it would mean a lot. I haven't won a tournament since 2002 at the Kemper on the PGA Tour. And I won a U.S. Open qualifier in between now and then, but that doesn't really count, that's just a qualifier.

Yeah, it would mean a lot. I've been through a lot, I've worked hard for the most part on my game, equipment, training, stuff like that. Yeah, I'm just enjoying hitting more quality shots and putting better, too.

**Q. (No microphone.)**

**BOB ESTES:** Yeah, for the most part. You don't just go out and win a tournament. Obviously there's things that you work on, try to get better and making sure your equipment is right. So it's all coming together nicely. Yeah, I knew that I could play this well and yeah, it's still really early in the year so I should have a lot more chances the rest of this year and next year.