

**ROUND 1 QUICK QUOTE**  
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**BILLY HORSCHEL (-5)**



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**Q. Billy, 5-under 66, obviously a good start. Hopefully that's something you're happy with. Just a few thoughts about today?**

**BILLY HORSCHEL:** Yeah, a really good round of golf today. Like I said, I feel like I've been playing this way for the last month or so, I just haven't made, you know, the putts or got the momentum going. And I honestly didn't make a lot of putts today, I made one putt outside 15 feet and that was on No. 2. Just played a really solid round of golf.

Obviously it could have been better, but I'm pleased with the way the game's been trending the last month and I'm not shocked that I was able to play a quality round of golf today.

**Q. Now that you've been able to kind of put one quality round of golf, does it take a little bit of that pressure off your shoulders on trying to find this round or trying to find some consistency?**

**BILLY HORSCHEL:** You know, I think what it does, it just sort of validates, you know, everything we've been doing. Sometimes when you're working hard and you see the results in practice and you feel like you've prepped well leading into a tournament and it's not transferring over or you're not seeing that in the tournament or seeing all the good work you've put in, it sort of can be a little frustrating at times.

But I think it's just more of a validation that we've been doing great stuff, and it was just a matter of time as long as I didn't become impatient that we were going to start playing some good golf sooner or later.

**Q. How were the conditions with the heat and the wind?**

**BILLY HORSCHEL:** Listen, I'm born and raised in Florida, heat's never going to affect me, wind's never going to affect me. The wind did swirl out there a little bit. I thought I hit a couple good iron shots that were a lot closer that didn't turn out, came up a little bit short or flew a little bit longer. Like I said, born and raised in the heat, it can't be too hot for me.

**Q. Just wanted to get your reaction to the memo that Jay put out last night, just what you think of it and if you've talked to other players about it.**

**BILLY HORSCHEL:** You know, I haven't. I saw it late last night before I went to bed, I read it.

Listen, I'm very happy that Jay's back. I think we all respect Jay and understand he's done a



tremendous job for the PGA TOUR in his tenure as commissioner. I'm a massive fan of Jay. I know he cares a lot about the players, he cares a lot about this tour and sometimes that can get lost, people can forget about that. At the end of the day he wants to do what's best for the players and the Tour. And that's what he's related to me since he's come back.

At the end of the day, being more transparent is what we all would like out here. Understand that they always can't be transparent to the fullest effect because there's just things you can't, you know, tell us right away. Things aren't done, deals aren't done, framework, stuff like that is still in the early stages. So it's a step in the right process for the guys out here who, you know, felt a little hurt by the way things went down.

So kudos to Jay and to the PGA TOUR to taking a step forward and trying to be more transparent going forward. Like I said, that's what they've mentioned to us and that's what they want to do. Obviously they want to get our input because at the end of the day we are part of the Tour. I don't think it's a member-run organization, I've said that many times. I think it's a member-input tour, but we're a part of the Tour and they want to make sure that our voices are heard as well.

