

ROUND 4 QUICK QUOTES
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BILLY HORSCHTEL (-10)

Q. Nice way to finish your week. How would you kind of assess it overall?

BILLY HORSCHTEL: Yeah, I think it was a good week. As I was talking to my teacher, Todd Anderson, last night, since Palm Beach I've played some really good golf. I've had I'd say outside chances at Palm Beach and Valspar. I played good golf, I played sloppy golf at the same time, I made really bad bogeys. I think I've had at least one three-putt a round until the last two rounds here. Just throwing away some shots that I don't normally do. I can always be a little bit sharper with iron play, which I wasn't very sharp this week until today.

Very good week, moving in the right direction. Frustrated at the same time a little bit because I know looking back over four days anyone can do it, but I made some mistakes that I don't normally do and when you're not -- when you're not firing on all cylinders, you just can't make the mistakes and expect to win.

Q. You talk about not having your sharpest week with the irons, but that's been a major improvement this year. What have you and Todd worked on to kind of hone that a little bit, make that a weapon this year when last year it wasn't?

BILLY HORSCHTEL: We are always working towards improvement and piecing things together in the feels. I would say we came back from the west coast and didn't play bad, I just didn't strike the way I needed to. I didn't feel I had the consistent -- I felt like I could cut the ball consistently the way I wanted. We've looked at some old stuff and the way the body has changed and the feels that I want, so technically what we've done is try and feel like I still get a deep shoulder turn but the arms are a little bit more in front, a little higher up in the backswing which allows it to get back out in front of me a little bit easier, the club and arms stay in front of me and I can drive the arms in front of the body and have the ball start left and hit more of a consistent cut the way I like and feel like I can take out the left side of the golf course, which at the same time eliminating the right side of the golf course if I do it well.

We've just been working and piecing it together and since, like I said, since Palm Beach where we had two weeks off before that, yeah, two weeks off, we've done some good stuff and we're just continuing to build. As I said, we just need to continue the momentum, continue to put some momentum in the tank. Historically when I do that and I start playing well and rattle off some good finishes, good stuff starts to happen towards the end.

Q. Do you feel like you're getting close to playing like the old Billy Horschel golf?

BILLY HORSCHTEL: I think I'm close, yeah. I think technically everything I'm doing is really good. Mentally, I still have some cobwebs in there from last year hitting some really bad golf



shots.

The focus the last couple weeks have been a little bit tighter, trying to play a little bit more free on the golf course. I'm saying that my swing's really good, everything we're doing is really good, I've just got to let it go and not try and control and steer it so much. Last two weeks, even not having what I would say would be my A-game in the sense of the striking of the golf ball the way I would want and the feel, I've trusted it and let it go more and hit more quality shots and less foul balls.

Q. Your scores progressively got better each round, and you mentioned your iron play. Other than that, is there anything you can attribute to getting better each day out here?

BILLY HORSCHEL: Just learning the golf course. This is my first time here. I shot 1 over on Thursday and it should have been 2 or 3. I've had a habit this year of shooting the worst possible score I can, turning a 5, 6 under par round into a 1 under par round or a 3, 4 under par round into an even par, 1 over par round. Like I said, just silly mistakes that I made on Thursday's round and just getting more comfortable with the course and the green speeds. Like I said, it's just progressively getting better. If I can get better every day throughout a tournament, I'm doing something right and we're moving in the right direction.

Q. What did you learn about this golf course?

BILLY HORSCHEL: I think it's a really good golf course. I've never played it before until this week. I've seen it on TV in the fall and understood the bermudagrass in the fall and how tricky it was around the greens. I think it's a really good test of golf. It's a long golf course. The greens have a lot of movement to them for the length of the golf course as well because you're hitting a lot of longer shots into it than I would say our average course that we play. It requires really good iron play. You don't have to drive the ball particularly well. There is no rough, it's really a teed up fairway. But you've got to be smart at where you miss it around the greens and where you put it on the greens to have a chance to make putts, or if you put it in the wrong spot it's going to be tough to get up and down.

I think it's a really good golf course. I was hoping that the winning score would stay about the same as it has in the fall and it has. It shows you that this course with two different types of setups is a challenge in its own right.

Q. Alex played well, too. Were you guys just feeding off each other?

BILLY HORSCHEL: Yeah. Nate played well, too. We're all feeding off each other. I mean, when you've got three guys playing well, you're seeing quality golf shots, you're seeing putts hit, it sort of fuels you and gives you a good picture to make -- hitting good quality iron shots and make putts. Yeah, I think we all fed off each other, which is always nice to have someone like that in a group.

