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Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, USA

Harbour Town Golf Links

Billy Horschel

Quick Quotes

BILLY HORSCHTEL: This week's so much more relaxed than last. I was -- I think (indiscernible) and I were talking about it early in the week where just so excited to get to Augusta, can't wait to play, and by the maybe middle of the week or after the first week, gosh, this place just drives me insane. You know, like we can't wait for the week to be over.

And then we have that same feeling for about a month or two and next thing you know, man, we can't wait to get back to Augusta. It's just one of those weeks where it drives you a little insane with the way the wind can be, the way they set it up.

It just requires a lot from you as a golfer. So it's nice to come over here. This course is -- requires very similar to what you need over there. Really good iron play, distance control. But it's not obviously long and the greens aren't nearly as challenging as Augusta.

So always nice to come over here after a stressful challenging week like it would be at any major.

Q. How did it go out there today?

BILLY HORSCHTEL: Yeah, played really well today. Did a lot of the good things well. I think the course is going to get firmer as the day goes on and as the week goes on. I haven't seen these greens this firm this early in the week in a while.

So the wind is starting to pick up so it's a little bit of challenge trying to figure out which way the wind is blowing. It's swirling a little bit out there.

But did a really good job. Played really well. One mental error off the tee shot on 18, club selection. Other than that, really played really solid out there.

Q. (Indiscernible.)

BILLY HORSCHTEL: I felt like I've been a good green reader since I was young, but some guys become good



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greens -- greens readers, and they put work in and figured out ways that work for themselves. It's no different than -- I mean, I'm bringing up something different here and I'm sort going out on a limb, but I don't think this arm lock putting is -- should be allowed either. I'll give the belly putter back and take away the arm lock.

I think when you look at what guys are doing now with the arm lock and moving the grips to the side where it's parallel or matches the face and then when you do that up against your arm, I mean, it's -- you know that face is dead square and that face doesn't rotate at all.

It's just sort of locked in. Guys are doing it too good.

Q. Some might say it's anchored.

BILLY HORSCHTEL: And I don't know. Yes, you could say it's anchored. I don't know because I guess anchored is having one point against somewhere and a fixed point. I know that's not fixed, but it's something similar to an anchor style.

Like I said, I would rather give them the belly putter back. I think there is a little bit more flow. Some guys going that way are becoming great putters, but it's just something guys are trying and seeing some benefits for.

But just goes back to I think you have great greens readers and great putters that are just sort of innately that way, and you have some guys that have that skill and they get better with practice and learning some stuff. And you have some guys that just are awful and get a little bit better by work.

So I think it's there, but I think you're always going to have the guys that are always great greens readers, like Brandt Snedeker, Luke Donald. I think I'm not up to that level, but Tiger Woods is a perfect example. I'm probably in the next tier down of what I think of and how good I am in green reading.

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