

# RBC Heritage

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Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, USA

Harbour Town Golf Links

## Austin Eckroat

### Quick Quotes

**Q. Solid start to your week here. Take us through how you were feeling.**

AUSTIN ECKROAT: Yeah, yesterday kind of working on some things that I was struggling with at Augusta last week, so felt like I got in a good spot and was confident out there and felt like I was ready to go play some good golf. Just from the start, felt really comfortable.

**Q. How much do wind conditions like you faced at the Masters maybe throw off your swing to when you get here you've got to work a couple things out?**

AUSTIN ECKROAT: Yeah, if you play a bunch of windy golf in a row, you're going to get steep. Your flight is going to come down. I think it's important on the driving range at those windy events to get back to neutral, don't really care what the golf ball is doing.

I think it was so bad last week that I was able to just kind of restart when I got here. I wasn't working off any good feels. I just got to a spot where I was comfortable.

**Q. What were you struggling with last week?**

AUSTIN ECKROAT: Oh, man, everything. The only thing I did good last week was chip it, and I chipped a lot. It's never as far off as you think it is when you're hitting it poorly, and kind of the same way when you're hitting it well.

I came off a really good stretch, and all of a sudden I couldn't hit the golf ball. It's never far away from good golf, but it's also -- you're never that far away from struggling a little bit.

I just got to working on just the fundamentals, grip and setup positions, and it kind of worked itself out.

**Q. How did you spend the weekend off?**

AUSTIN ECKROAT: I actually went out and watched on Saturday, and it was honestly a really enjoyable weekend to go and watch the Masters. I had never done it, and try



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to take some notes on some guys playing well.

Sunday I watched at home and then ended up driving over here and took it easy. Took the Saturday and Sunday off, didn't touch a club, and had a nice refresh when I got here.

**Q. Who did you go watch or holes that you stopped by?**

AUSTIN ECKROAT: Yeah, obviously I went and watched Amen Corner. That was a really cool area. I wanted to see Tiger at least hit one shot, so I watched Tiger hit his tee ball on 10 and then I just hung out on 13. We had a good spot where we could see the second shots, and it was a really cool spot.

**Q. Was there a shot today where you felt like, I'm back, or I have a good one in me?**

AUSTIN ECKROAT: Yeah, definitely really from the start. I'm trying to think. I hit a really good 7-iron at some point in the round. I don't know where it was. Oh, it was 14. That's a hard shot. When I hit my -- on the par-3, 14, when I hit my tee ball it did exactly what I wanted to do. I was able to take on the flag a little bit, and it felt like the golf swing was in a really good spot.

**Q. Has life changed much for you since Cognizant, winning? That comes with some stuff. How has it been?**

AUSTIN ECKROAT: Yeah, it's obviously changed a lot. I'm playing in these events. I was planning on going to the Dominican, so it's obviously easier on my travel schedule.

But I think the job security is the biggest thing. I'm comfortable out here. Now I know I can compete and I have two and a half years of guaranteed status. Just some stability with that.

**Q. A lot of local interest here yesterday with your pro-am pairing. Can you comment a little bit about playing with Coaches Beamer and Harris from South Carolina?**

AUSTIN ECKROAT: It was incredible playing with both the



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coaches for South Carolina yesterday. It's incredible how personable they are with the fans and stuff. I think we should do a better job about that.

But it was great because we were able to talk trash on OU sports because they're moving to the SEC. We had a great time and bonded pretty well, and just great people to be around.

**Q. Did you treat yourself to anything special since getting the win?**

AUSTIN ECKROAT: No, not yet. It was funny, we started renovating a house that we were moving into, so it's kind of been where that money has been going to. I haven't really treated myself to anything. Simple guy.

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