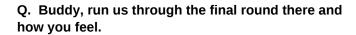
### STARRY 3-Point Contest

Saturday, February 15, 2025 San Francisco, California, USA

### **Buddy Hield**

**Quick Quotes** 



BUDDY HIELD: Tough one. Bad start. It's all good, though. Bad start, though.

### Q. Did you know going into that last round what you needed to do?

BUDDY HIELD: I didn't know what his score was at, so I couldn't figure out, like, what's my score. Tough one.

#### Q. 31 in your first round, though --

BUDDY HIELD: That's impressive. I think just going into the second -- yeah, had a bad start.

### Q. How do you feel the vibes are this weekend at All-Star Weekend?

BUDDY HIELD: No, it was good, great vibes. All-Star Weekend is great, being able to compete. Fans love it, and it hasn't been here in 25 years, so I'm glad to be part of it.

## Q. What would you say is the most difficult part of being in the public eye as an NBA player?

BUDDY HIELD: Difficult part? That's a good question. There's a lot. Everybody thinks because -- they don't see us as regular human beings. They worry about our bank accounts we're making, that we shouldn't have feelings and stuff like that. They just attack you.

I think the betting has gotten out of control, too. Fans bet on you and come and attack you because you messed up because I didn't make two or three threes or I didn't make 15 points. They don't see us as human beings. That's one of them.

#### Q. Have you felt that shift with sports betting?

BUDDY HIELD: Yeah. I mean, like I don't care, but you go on social media, all you see is comments, so I turned my comments off so I block out the noise. But it's gotten



annoying, though.

# Q. I'm not sure if you got a chance to watch the Skills Challenge --

BUDDY HIELD: Yeah, I watched it, too.

# Q. What did you think of Draymond and Moses, how they did tonight?

BUDDY HIELD: They did great. Just one pass, it could have gone either way.

## Q. How did it feel like to participate in front of the home crowd here in the Bay Area?

BUDDY HIELD: It felt great. I'm just disappointed I lost.

### Q. What's the excitement level when you get back for the second half of the season?

BUDDY HIELD: It's great. Just get everybody situated, and then we've got to make a run.

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