

# Zurich Classic of New Orleans

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## Billy Horschel

## Sam Burns

### Quick Quotes

**Q. Sam, Billy said yesterday that he's kind of a leaderboard watcher. How aware were you that you guys got to within one stroke?**

SAM BURNS: Yeah, Billy told me there on 13, so I was aware.

**Q. Did it change your outlook at all? Was it just a matter of being aggressive all day?**

SAM BURNS: Not really. We still needed to execute the shots. Unfortunately I hit a pretty good drive on 16 just a couple yards too far left, and yeah.

**Q. Did you have a number in your mind at the beginning of the day, what you thought you guys needed to shoot?**

BILLY HORSCHTEL: In my head, the way those boys were playing and knowing this course very well, I honestly thought we had to get to 10. I thought if we shot 10-under and got to 33, they shot 4-under in this format on Friday, so I wouldn't be shocked if they did it again. So I felt like 10, 9 gave us a chance, and anything else we needed a lot of help. We played really well on the front and we were right there with six holes left to play, and then we just couldn't make anything happen.

Sort of sucks like that once in a while when you feel good and you're trying to chase down some leaders, but sometimes you just can't make it happen, and that's what it was for us on the last six holes.

**Q. You said earlier this week you were confident that you guys could probably win this one day. Does this kind of feed that when you come close?**

BILLY HORSCHTEL: Yeah, I think if you look at our game, you look at how well we play, our strengths, and I'll tell you what, we've been talking about it, I've been talking about it all week, or at least the last two days and especially today,



we've only made one putt outside 18 feet, and that was a putt on No. 4 Sam made for birdie the first day. Really we putted good, but we didn't putt to I think what we expect of ourselves.

That changes a few things. If we make a few of those putts, I know those boys did behind us, but yeah, this team right here, I'm a betting man, and if I could bet on golf and ourselves - obviously we cannot on the PGA TOUR - I would put some money on us that we win this event, and I said it, in the next five years or so.

**Q. 16, what was the conversation about the drop?**

BILLY HORSCHTEL: So from where we were, Sam pulled his drive a little bit and it was coming back. Conversation was did it land above the red line. Well, I saw a ball land and bounce. From the tee box and everything, you really can't see the red line.

SAM BURNS: The ball was six inches into the water. If it lands close to the edge, it's going to kick pretty hard in, but if it lands higher up it's going to kind of --

BILLY HORSCHTEL: It's going to take a couple bounces. From what I saw and not being able to see the red line and where the red line was, I couldn't see below that from the tee box when I got up there, so I figured that ball had to land up on top of the red line. We asked TV and everything, and TV didn't have clear-cut evidence. Travis, his caddie, saw the ball bounce.

I'm one to play it safe, but I was pretty confident that ball landed above the red line.

**Q. Billy, Sam said he didn't know until 13 I think you said that y'all were only one back. Did you know it earlier and didn't tell him or anything?**

BILLY HORSCHTEL: No, I knew where we stood after No. 9. I think we were within a couple of the lead and then I saw they eagled No. 7, and they took a five-shot lead, and I'm like, okay, this may be too far away now.

So then we birdied 10 and 11. I know we got ourselves



close. The next time I saw a scoreboard was No. 13. So that's when I saw they were at 29 and we were at 28 I think it was.

**Q. They bogeyed 9 and 10.**

BILLY HORSCHER: So okay, so I asked if he wanted to know, and he's like -- I just said, we're one back. Which I knew it wouldn't affect him. We just continued to still do our thing, hit quality shots, give ourselves quality looks, and we just weren't able to give ourselves closer looks the way we wanted.

**Q. You played with so much energy. You were on the first tee high fiving people, low fiving people. Did you feel a little bit when you saw you were down only one, did you feel any more energy?**

BILLY HORSCHER: No. Listen, I've been here for 12, 13 years now. I know 100 people that work for the Fore! Kids Foundation, and you saw thank you to them because I'm not sure if I'm going to see them again. Listen, I never lack energy, and I don't need anything else to give me more energy throughout the day. That was just like, hey, we're still in this thing. That's all it was.

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