

# The 153rd Open

Mixed Zone

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**Dean Burmester**



**Q. Tell us a little bit about your round today. What went well for you?**

DEAN BURMESTER: Honestly just very up and down. This golf course is demanding. If you hit it offline, it's scrambling for bogeys really. Pars are a bonus.

I putted well and didn't make a lot. Made a couple and then dropped two coming in, which is a shame. All in all, my 1- and 2-iron worked well, and that's what you need around here, just to get it in play and then try to make some birdies from there. It was a mixed bag really.

**Q. What's the strength of your game here on this type of golf course?**

DEAN BURMESTER: For me it's long irons. I really enjoy hitting my 1- and 2-iron off the tee. When I get to links golf, I start rubbing my hands together. I get really excited. Yeah, that's my big strength.

**Q. Why do you rub your hands together?**

DEAN BURMESTER: I just think it plays into my hands. I can hit a 1-iron out here crosswind over 300 yards, and other guys can't do that. I feel like I have a big advantage here when the fairways firm up and it gets bouncy and windy. It comes out flat, pitches 260, and goes forever.

**Q. How many 1-irons did you hit today do you think?**

DEAN BURMESTER: I want to say six or seven, yeah.

**Q. On the 1st hole?**

DEAN BURMESTER: 1st hole, I hit 2-iron on the first, little flight with a 2-iron. Where did I hit -- I don't know, I hit a few. Kind of back end of the back nine. 8, I hit a 1-iron. Where else did I hit? The drivable, 5 down the hill, I hit 1-iron. Then 10 I hit 1-iron. There's a few. I don't know.

**Q. When was the last time you were able to use the 1-iron that much?**

DEAN BURMESTER: Last week, Valderrama.

**Q. It's like this mysterious club that people are afraid of, right? I cannot hit a 1-iron.**

DEAN BURMESTER: Yeah.

**Q. And you're saying a lot of people out here can't even do it. What is it about your swing, your skill set with it that makes it happen?**

DEAN BURMESTER: I honestly, like five, six years ago, I struggled with a 3-wood. I still haven't really found one that I'm very happy with. It's just a backup club for me. I've always had it. We built one five, six years ago at like a Dunhill Links, somewhere like that, and I loved that. I built it. Just built it in the truck. The guys built me one, and I loved it.

I think I finished seventh that week, and I've just hit a whole bunch of them all over those courses. Then St Andrews at The 150th, that's pretty much all I hit. The fairways were so baked out, I didn't even hit driver. Since then, it's kind of just hung in the bag basically.

**Q. So like LIV Chicago, are you taking it out of the bag? Midwest American summer, it's a little bit --**

DEAN BURMESTER: Probably not. If it's soft, I probably won't, then I'll put a 3-wood in. Like when we're in D.C., for instance, Virginia, I had 3-wood in the bag. When you play a lot of American courses, soft, long, you kind of need that 275 to 285 carry. 3-wood gives me that, whereas 1-iron doesn't give me that.

**Q. Sorry to stress on that.**

DEAN BURMESTER: No, it's all good.

**Q. But does it impress your playing partners? Do they ever come up and talk to you like, damn, that's like really impressive?**

DEAN BURMESTER: Some guys do. Some guys are quite surprised how far it goes and kind of the flight it comes out with because I can hit it up. I can get it going up on the wind. It's like a mini 3-wood for me. I think some guys, not all guys. There wasn't a lot of talking in our group today to be honest.



**Q. Along with the 1-iron and the rest of the clubs, looks like you're having a great time here. Same mindset?**

DEAN BURMESTER: Same mindset, just trying to have fun. It's the best crowd in the world. It's the greatest walk, that 18th hole. Even though I had my head down I was still enjoying it. I wanted to make that last putt more than anything. That's my goal, just to enjoy hopefully four days of golf.

**Q. A lot of guys call it the best crowd in the world, the best fans in golf. What does that mean when you say that?**

DEAN BURMESTER: You know what, I feel like the fans here appreciate a good shot. They clap you onto the tee box. They clap you on a lot of the greens you walk up. I want to say 85 percent of the fans here don't even know who I am. For them to do that, they must be doing that for everybody. For me, it's special. That's what makes them the greatest fans in the world.

I haven't played Augusta. I don't know what the patrons are like there, but as far as fans go here, it's incredible.

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