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Harold Varner III

Press Conference

THE MODERATOR: Let's welcome Harold Varner III from 4Aces. Harold, well played today, 4-under par 66. Can you talk us through your round.

HAROLD VARNER III: Yeah, it was super solid. Kind of a slow start, but overall, yeah, played pretty well.

Q. Golf course played completely different than it was yesterday. Did that affect anything going into the round today?

HAROLD VARNER III: No, I obviously didn't really think about it. Not really. Trying to play solid golf, keep it in the fairway and hole some putts. I think I did a decent job of that.

Q. Game plan going into tomorrow?

HAROLD VARNER III: Nothing right now. I just want to eat. No, just keep doing what I'm doing.

Q. You've played here a couple of times before. I think you top-tenned last year. Do you feel like this is a course that you're going to play well on, that it kind of suits your game?

HAROLD VARNER III: I feel that way every week, but out here it's nice to have played it before. I've played bad here, I've played well here. Kind of know a few spots to hit it and not hit it.

The first time I played it, it was so much firmer. I think like 9-under won. Yeah, it's golf. I feel like I'm playing better, and it is what it is. The tournament is not over yet, though.

Q. You're five back going into tomorrow. How important is it to get off to a fast start, put some pressure on Abe early in the round?

HAROLD VARNER III: I think the most important thing is not worry about Abe. That's how you lose. I think I've played enough golf to know that the best thing I can do is just give myself as many looks as possible and try to just



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stay within myself and have fun doing it, and I think the fun part is pretty easy for me.

Q. The start that you had to the season was not the best at all, and then you have turned it around so well. What have you done in say the past couple of months to really come to this point now?

HAROLD VARNER III: I think you know. No, I don't think I had a great start to the year, but I think that shows true character is how you respond to it. I think that's the beauty of life, golf. I love responding.

I think it's really nice how I played. It was nice to have an opportunity again. Some people play bad and they don't get another opportunity. If you go to Q-school and you play bad, you don't get that next chance.

Right now we're just doing what we're supposed to do, be as resilient as possible, have fun doing it. I've got some mojo back. DJ and I, we're back on the terms I like to be on when it comes to competing. A lot of good talks.

It's fun again, and to appreciate where you are right now, you've got to have some lumps, and I think I took mine right on the face. It's good. Just got to keep doing what we're doing. Whatever happens is what it is.

Q. If you just look at your round today, what did you do particularly well today? What really pleased you the most?

HAROLD VARNER III: I think just being patient. I think I made a lot of pars in a row. Just doing what I do best, play golf. I love playing golf. I'm super fortunate to be really good at it. I like working at it.

I think I putted pretty well this week, so I think there has to be some of that in there. I like the place. I don't know. There's a lot of things. You harp on the good when you're playing good, and you try your best to harp on the good when you're playing bad. I've had the bad stuff for sure.

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