

# THE PLAYERS Championship

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Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida, USA

TPC Sawgrass

## Sam Burns

### Quick Quotes

#### Q. Which putt was more satisfying, 16 or 18?

SAM BURNS: I'd say 16. It was obviously nice to make the one on 18, but from 70-plus feet, just kind of one of those just kind of make you laugh.

#### Q. Did you watch yesterday?

SAM BURNS: A little bit, yeah.

#### Q. What was your reaction?

SAM BURNS: I just felt bad for the guys that had to play. You just -- you never wish that upon your opponents. It's unfortunate. Over your career, you have good waves and bad waves, but still like it just sucks to see.

#### Q. Have you had a really bad draw like that before?

SAM BURNS: Yeah. When I was an amateur, I played in the Valero when it was really bad. I forget what year, maybe 2015, I think. It blew like 40. I mean, I shot a million, but that one was tough.

#### Q. Are those kind of easier missed cuts to swallow because it's like, well, everything just kind of conspired against me?

SAM BURNS: Of course. You always want to play well no matter the conditions. A lot of it is just out of your control. There's only so much you can control out there, and weather is not one of them. So yeah, probably.

#### Q. Was there something that changed for you on that back nine?

SAM BURNS: I hit probably one of the worst shots I've ever hit in my life on 10 with a 7-iron. Then had 7-iron to the par-5 and made 6. That was really bad. So a weird couple of holes. Nothing really. Just tried to keep plugging along. This golf course doesn't really give you a chance to kind of have a minute to be unfocused. It kind of takes your attention on every shot.



#### Q. Anything you've picked up on playing this golf course?

SAM BURNS: Well, it's been a couple days since I've played, so it kind of felt like we were starting a new tournament today. There's little nuances here and there on a couple tee shots and a couple spots around the greens.

#### Q. Do you have to remind yourself that it's essentially Friday afternoon?

SAM BURNS: Yeah, I had to ask Travis like what day it was today. I really wasn't even sure. It's strange going from Thursday and not playing again until Sunday. Yeah, I'm excited for the next day and a half, I guess.

#### Q. The top 11, I think, if I'm looking correctly, every one of them is in the Thursday a.m. wave. Have you ever seen it that stacked --

SAM BURNS: Yeah, I don't know what the stroke average difference was, but I'd imagine it's got to be five shots, three shots. I'd have taken the over. But yeah, so that makes sense.

#### Q. We've got round 3 starting here. I mean, guys are teeing off right now. At the top of the leaderboard, how are you going to be spending these next couple hours you have off?

SAM BURNS: I'm going to eat some lunch, watch some basketball, see my physio, and get back out there.

#### Q. Who are you rooting for today?

SAM BURNS: I don't know. I don't know yet. I need to look and see who's playing. Unfortunately, my LSU Tigers are out. We'll see what happens.

#### Q. Who do you want them to hire there?

SAM BURNS: I don't know.

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