

# WM Phoenix Open

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## Sam Burns

### Quick Quotes



**Q. Looking like possibly the round of the day. 7-under. Always good to be bogey-free.**

SAM BURNS: I think going back to yesterday, finishing there on, after hitting our tee shots on 13 and to get called for darkness. I kind of just texted Travis and I said, I feel like, man, we're playing pretty good. Just haven't really gotten much out of the round so far. Just kind of a couple things that I did that I wasn't happy with.

So the restart, to birdie three of my last six holes that kind of gave me momentum going into this afternoon.

Played a really solid round today. I think this golf course is tricky just when you get a little bit of wind and where they put the pins. So overall a solid day.

**Q. Are there any specifics you were talking with Travis that you guys were pinpointing certain things?**

SAM BURNS: I think today really just trying to go out there and hit a lot of quality shots. Not trying to get too greedy at times with certain pin locations. So that was really about it.

**Q. Round highlighted by the eagle. Walk us through that.**

SAM BURNS: Yeah, hit a drive kind of up the right side. It just caught the desert. Then only had a 7-iron in. So was able to hit it 20, 25 feet left of it and was finally able to make a putt.

**Q. Can you talk about what it's like for you to play at hole 16, just the unique hole?**

SAM BURNS: Yeah, it's awesome. I think for me I look forward to it every year. It's a great atmosphere. The fans are obviously incredible. So, yeah, it's a hole that I always look forward to.

**Q. Do you have to change your strategy at all? Do you have a different mindset when you're playing due to the crowd and just the different circumstances?**

SAM BURNS: Not necessarily. I think you're trying to hit the correct shot. Obviously you don't want to get booed. But, yeah, just trying to hit a good shot in there.

**Q. What's your favorite part about playing on hole 16?**

SAM BURNS: The crowd, for sure.

**Q. What does faith mean to you and how does that intertwine with your golf game?**

SAM BURNS: I think for me just going out there and being able to play free. At the end of the day I know that whatever happens on the golf course I can kind of leave it at the golf course. Golf is what I do, but it's not who I am.

So going out there and knowing that no matter what happens on the golf course it's not life or death. It's not going to define who I am. So I think just going out there and being able to play with freedom.

**Q. When you're playing well is it ever tempting to try to hit more drivers, aim at more pins? Do you have to check yourself?**

SAM BURNS: I would say when you're playing well you kind of automatically do that just because you have more command of your golf ball. You're able to hit more quality shots. So I would say they kind of go hand in hand, I guess.

**Q. Do you ever have to remind yourself to stick to the game plan or do you let yourself ride with it?**

SAM BURNS: Yeah, I think, I mean, sticking to the game plan is obviously a key, especially around a tricky golf course like this. So I would say a little bit, yeah.

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