

Honda Classic

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PGA National Resort

Billy Horschel

Quick Quotes



Q. What worked for you today?

BILLY HORSCHEL: Just a little bit of everything. Just played really solid. Didn't do anything special. Hit some quality iron shots here and there. I wouldn't say everything was sort of automatic and it was easy. I had to just sort of work my way into making some good swings here and there.

But overall it was a really solid day of golf. Making a couple putts there at number 11 and 13 from about 25, 30 feet never hurts. Sort of got me in a good frame of mind and got me with some good mojo going early.

Q. How are the conditions out there?

BILLY HORSCHEL: Obviously early on the wind wasn't blowing and you could get, take some advantage of it. Then right around probably number 13 it started picking up a little bit. Picked up for six, seven holes. Then it laid down the last four, five holes for us. So conditions are, for here it's pretty ideal in the sense of wind.

The course is really receptive. It's not nearly as firm and as fast as it has been in the past. I think that's sort of a conscious thing they have done. The rough's down a little bit. So, yeah, the course itself is a little bit softer and it's lending itself to some better scores. But you still got to hit quality golf shots around here. It's not like it's just easy now. You still got to step up and make some good swings on a lot of these holes.

Q. A lot of golfers might over-prepare or overthink. I overheard you say that you take the opposite approach there and it seems to be working for you, right?

BILLY HORSCHEL: Yeah, listen, there's no secret. It's not a secret. I grind. I work hard. It's no secret out here that I work really, really hard out here. But this week with just the way I'm feeling and everything, energy's still not completely 100 percent every day. So I got to do maintenance, have some maintenance and be smart about

it.

Thankfully, what Todd Anderson and I did on Monday going back to some of the old stuff felt really natural right away. So it wasn't like I had to grind away on the range and try and find the feels and try and find the swing. It's there, I just got to sort of just slowly build into making the better swings on a little bit more routine basis. But, yeah, just taking it a little bit easier this week just because I'm still not anywhere close to a hundred percent.

Q. When you're kind of down and sick maybe you don't have -- even like you don't even have the energy to like go places where you might go that would affect your game. It's kind of weird that way, right, where you can just relax a little bit more maybe?

BILLY HORSCHEL: Yeah, there's a saying: Beware of the injured or sick golfer. I'm not like super, super sick, but I'm just not like a hundred percent. I think you just sort of, you're a little bit easier on yourself. You're sort of not worrying about everything. I guess you can just say you always got to be aware of the injured or sick golfer.

Q. Sinus infection, right?

BILLY HORSCHEL: Yeah. Yeah.

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