

**BOB ESTES ( -13)**

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**Q. (In progress.) Why don't we start with that?**

**BOB ESTES:** Yeah, I played okay today. I needed to make a few more putts early in the round to get closer to Bernhard. Not that it would have bothered him too much, but I had some good opportunities earlier in the round. I made some birdies, but I missed some also. I birdied the first hole. I had a short birdie putt on the second hole and it didn't do what I thought it was going to do and lipped out. Had a few other putts that I thought that I had made, say, through the first 12 holes and they didn't go in, either.

Could have been a little bit different, maybe I could have gotten at least a little bit closer. But then I didn't quite finish off the round. Lipped out the par putt on 16 and then didn't get it up and down for birdie on 18. Anyway, I played pretty well first tournament of the year so I can't be too disappointed.

**Q. Yeah, that's your best finish on this tour as well.**

**BOB ESTES:** Yeah, I had a bunch of top-10s, 5th and 6th and stuff like that. But yeah, I knew that my game was getting better even after a week in Cabo last week playing with friends. I played some pretty good golf. Yeah, my game is pretty good and hopefully it will just keep getting better.

**Q. Is it daunting to see him shoot 31 going out and you just say what can I do to keep up with this guy?**

**BOB ESTES:** I wouldn't say daunting. I mean, we're still just playing our game, trying to make as many birdies as we can. We know how good he is, especially on this kind of golf course. He said he knows exactly how to play it, it's just a matter of execution, and he executed. I could have executed better than I did and didn't do it, so I finished third or whatever it is.

**Q. Tied for second, I think.**

**BOB ESTES:** Well, I don't know what --

**Q. Marco's still coming in.**

**BOB ESTES:** He probably birdied the last hole.