ROUND 1 INTERVIEW February 8, 2019



OLIN BROWNE (-4)

Q. Let's talk about the round.

OLIN BROWNE: I played okay. I made my mistakes where they weren't too troublesome. I three-putted from off the green on 14, the par 3. I hit a pretty good shot, took a funny kick and I had to putt through about maybe 35 feet, half of it was fringe. So I misjudged the speed and it banked too hard. I had to make an eight-footer for my second and missed it.

Made a really bad -- my only bad swing of the day on No. 2. I pulled a 9-iron and I missed the green left into the dead zone and that's why I made a 5 there. Other than that, nice round of golf. I could have made a couple more putts. I didn't make anything that was silly or anything. I'm going to go to the range and hopefully I play a couple shots better every day coming in.

Q. How gettable was the course today?

OLIN BROWNE: Very. This place is in awfully good shape. With all the rain we've had in south Florida the last couple months, it's as green as I've ever seen it. Usually it's playing a lot faster. While it's playing a little longer than it has been in the past, the greens are much more receptive.

Q. Do you see some wind coming in this weekend?

OLIN BROWNE: Well, it was a whole six miles an hour today. I hope it blows, I don't mind the wind. We live here. I think the course is beautiful. It's a wonderful -- I think it's a Joe Lee layout and it's a pleasure to play here.

Q. One last thing. Gary Nicklaus, how interested are you? He's 4 under going into the 17th hole today.

OLIN BROWNE: Yeah, I think it's great. Yeah, you look up on the board and you see Nicklaus on the board at one of our tournaments and it's going to put eyes on us and I'm all for it.

Q. Have you played with him at all?

OLIN BROWNE: I haven't recently. Good to have him out.