

ROUND 1 INTERVIEW
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TOM GILLIS (-5)



Q. That was a good round.

TOM GILLIS: I'll take it.

Q. Did you think so?

TOM GILLIS: Oh, yeah. I didn't have much of a -- the warm-up wasn't very good at all and I was kind of frustrated going through it and I was like, so the expectations went down quite a bit. And it's late in the year, everybody's and kind of wore out playing a lot of golf. My goal was going to the tee like, you know what, I'm not getting upset about anything today, I'm not even going to worry about it, just go play and have a nice day and then it all comes together.

Q. Did you maintain that all throughout the day?

TOM GILLIS: Yeah, yeah. I bogeyed 17, I was a little disappointed, but I was like, hey, we said we're going to do this, we've got one hole to go, we've done well, we can't get mad now. It was all good.

Q. And you had an eagle on 11?

TOM GILLIS: Yeah, had an eagle on 11 and that will be good because my son was telling me last week, he said, "Man, Dad, you don't make a lot of eagles." I'm like, "Yeah, I know. Thanks."

Q. Good timing?

TOM GILLIS: Eighth grader, you know, being honest. So that's what I said to Tommy when I made the eagle, I said, "Well, it will keep my eighth grader off me for a little bit."

Q. Are you going to go call him after this?

TOM GILLIS: He already knows it, I guarantee that. When I grab the phone, it will already be on there, "nice eagle."

Q. Are you thinking at all about trying to get to next week or anything like that?

TOM GILLIS: Not really. I guess I'm really -- really the only thing that I've been playing for is that if you finish in the top 36 and you were to have, a la Franny Quinn, have a situation where you get hurt, then you're in the medical category and you can get those back. The

majors, the Senior Open and the Senior British you wouldn't be exempt for if you finished outside 36, but that's not the end of the world. Really, when you're at 38, 37, at our age you want to be covered physically. So after 36, there's nothing out here. So that's really what I'm playing for this week, just to make sure that if you did have a problem or had a health issue, you would be covered.

Q. Are you going to keep that mentality going, that laid back mentality going into tomorrow?

TOM GILLIS: Well, we're going to try, yeah. Yeah, I don't know how much is left in the tank really to get that upset now. I mean, it's kind of been a big year for us because we moved from Florida to Michigan, so I would say my year's probably been a little bit more hectic than most guys out here. I just feel like I haven't been home much, so it's like my mind is really at home, so I guess I can't lose either way. If I make it, fine, we'll go another week. If not, I'm happy to get home Monday.