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TOM GILLIS (-3)



Q. Obviously it's windy out there. How did you handle that?

TOM GILLIS: Well, I tried not to take any chances really. I just tried to drive it in the fairway. And I didn't like -- it was just too tough to chase pins and try to get the exact numbers. Basically the yardage book, you could throw it out because it was feel, it was all feel. I think the last hole I had like 118 to the front, I was in the right rough and I just chipped a 7-iron. It went about 70 yards and rolled all the way to the back, to the hole. It was just that kind of day where you had to actually just use some creativity.

Q. I would guess the conditions are not going to be exactly the same tomorrow or the next day, but do you learn something about the golf course on a day like this that maybe you don't learn otherwise?

TOM GILLIS: I learned that I can hit a drive 400 yards and I've never done that. That's what I learned on the seventh hole and I was like, wow, I just drove it 400 yards, that's pretty cool. Yeah, no, it was doing some funny stuff. I mean, we were hitting it some places, because last year was my first year and it was soaking wet, so it was like a whole new golf course for me today.

Q. You've played well the last several weeks.

TOM GILLIS: The last few weeks, yeah.

Q. Does it give you confidence knowing that you played well in those conditions and that is carrying over into today?

TOM GILLIS: I think, yeah, just putting the ball better really. I've been playing good for about six weeks and I was finishing 30th for a few weeks and playing well but not holing any putts. Now I'm making putts. That simple, it's crazy.