

ROUND 2 INTERVIEW
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TOM GILLIS (-9)

Q. Tom, great start there. New 18-hole career low, 36-hole career low, congrats on that. Can you talk us kind of through the beginning of your round, all those birdies, bogey free through nine, how you got started there?

TOM GILLIS: Yeah, you know, I didn't have really many expectations. I just haven't scored well all year. I've played okay, so it's been frustrating the last few weeks. The first hole I hit it right of the green and I was like, here we go again, and then chipped it in, which none of that's been happening.

So that's kind of how it started. It kind of put me in a good frame of mind. Then I made a putt on two for birdie, and then it started to rain and it rained hard for all the way to about I think the eighth fairway for us. I just hit a lot of good shots. After that first putt went in, I kind of just freed it up and didn't over analyze and it was good. The front nine was good.

And then on the back nine I knew it would be tougher naturally, it just came real easy on the front. I played pretty good. I didn't birdie 11, I was just short of the green, I didn't get up and down, and then bogeyed 12, but played pretty solid from there on in.

I got a little bit of a bad break on 16, hit a good iron shot in there. I was about eight, 10 inches short of the green, it rolled all the way back down to the front and I didn't get it up and down. But the birdie on the last has kind of made it better. It could have been better, it could have been worse. I mean, we made a lot of putts, so I can't complain, but I'm looking forward to tomorrow.

Q. Especially on a tour where it seems like you have to kind of go bananas three days in a row to have success, how do you weather the frustration that you've been playing well and not necessarily seeing the results?

TOM GILLIS: I mean, it's frustrating. There's not a lot of margin for error when you play 54 holes and it's usually around 16 to 18 under a week to win, so it's hard to overcome all that. You've got to try to stay positive. My caddie is like, "All you are is a good nine holes away from being in it," and that was proven today on the front nine. So just try to stay positive and patient. It's not easy. It's a frustrating game at times.

Q. What's the mindset? Obviously you don't know numbers going into tomorrow, but what's the mindset for you?

TOM GILLIS: I'm going to try to do whatever I did today, that's it. Not over-think it and play free, just go from there. We'll see what happens. I don't really have any expectations the

way the year's been so far. It's not like it was the last half of last year where I was finishing in the top 8 every week, it just hasn't been happening like that. I'm just going to be kind of looking forward to see what happens.

Q. You mentioned it was raining there. You don't mind playing in bad weather?

TOM GILLIS: I don't really enjoy it, I don't think anybody really does, but I played five years on the European Tour and we played in stuff like that every day. I don't know, I really didn't care. I've been so frustrated, it doesn't really matter to me. I wasn't going to get too upset about anything. I've got a wife and two kids down in Jupiter, Florida, that I'm concerned about with the hurricane and I've got a father who's in the hospital recovering from a knee surgery. There's a lot going on. And golf right now, it's important to me, but it's not at the forefront I would say. My mind is a little bit over there.