ROUND 1 INTERVIEW September 13, 2019

JERRY SMITH (-5)



Q. We're back at Warwick Hills. You had a great opening round, six birdies. What was the key to your success today?

JERRY SMITH: Well, my irons today were really, really good. I hit a lot of shots pin high or some close shots. Obviously I drove it pretty well. Having the ball in our hand definitely made it a little easier, wipe off some of that mud and stuff out there. So I played solid. It's probably as good a round as I've had maybe this year and held it together there. I had a couple other opportunities there coming in, but I'm very pleased with where I finished.

Q. Even with some ideal weather, how do you think the course played today?

JERRY SMITH: Well, anytime it's soft, typically it's going to play a little easier for the guys and play a little longer. But the wind's kind of died down a little bit, guys are going to fire right at the flags, so there's a lot of opportunities for birdies out there.

Q. One official round down. What are your thoughts, things to focus on going into round two after you did see how it played today?

JERRY SMITH: Yeah, I'm sure it's going to get a little different the next couple days. It might dry out a little, but not probably a lot. Yeah, if I can keep playing the way I did today, you know, there's no reason you can't. But I haven't been there for a while, so I'm going to have to just be patient and really play off today and just make some putts out here. With these guys, they're just too good.

Q. How about the start for you, especially with the wind that you were fighting there on the front nine?

JERRY SMITH: Yeah, I thought the first few holes were definitely difficult, especially teeing off first. The first hole is probably my worst hole out there, I didn't play very well but made par. Then the next four holes were into the wind and I just, I hit some really good shots there and made a couple birdies. That helped get the round going.