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TOM GILLIS (-10)



Q. That must have been a fun week. How did you feel all week?

TOM GILLIS: Yeah, it was an emotional week because we moved three months ago to Florida and so I went down and saw my mother and father and my sister, who were my neighbors and lived right next door. Hadn't been back in three months, so I couldn't get out of there fast enough. It was just somewhat -- you know, we left for this career, and with two kids, a sixth grader and an eighth grader, a lot of family back on this road that's been there since -- well, 90 years we've had that road and our houses and all that, so that was fairly emotional.

I stayed in a hotel this week just to try to change things up from the years past because I hadn't really played any good here, so it seems like it helped.

But yeah, it was just -- I think it's hard to play at home when you have friends and family here pulling for you and they want to see you do well. I've got to be honest, I was ready for it to end. I was like, I'm ready. You don't want to let them down even though they just want you to be happy, but you just feel that little extra added bit of pressure. So every three-footer feels like it's a six-footer and it's like by the end, my nerves were pretty frayed. But it was good, it was a good week.

Q. You had a good back nine.

TOM GILLIS: Yeah, yeah. It could have been better. Made a lot of mistakes today. Probably just a little bit nervy, a little jumpy. I bet I'll be next calmer next week.

Q. Do you like playing with a guy like Bernhard?

TOM GILLIS: Yeah. I played with him before years ago when I played in Europe. I've flown with him on his private jet before. He's a friend and a nice guy and a gentleman. It's fun.

Q. How about playing here at Warwick Hills and how did the course play?

TOM GILLIS: The course played great, it was in great shape. It's always a joy to play here. I think the reason I've never really played well is it's just a little added pressure being at home, but I love it. I've always loved the golf course and it fits my eye. Chris Coffman and Ally, they just did a phenomenal job. The second year was a big, big difference I thought compared to the first. And moving to an end of July date, I think it will be one of the premier events on the Tour, if not the premier event because we'll have big crowds here in July.

Q. For sure. So Gilly, on that back nine, five, six times inside of 12 feet.

TOM GILLIS: Yeah.

Q. Will you be remembering and thinking about those on the drive or are you going to celebrate how well you did?

TOM GILLIS: Well, there's not much to celebrate really other than that the week's over. I don't mean that in a bad way, but it's just like, okay, now we can actually put our hat down and just say, all right, let's relax.

We're going pheasant hunting, five of us players, tomorrow in South Dakota; me and Scott McCarron and Brandt Jobe, Glen Day and David Toms. So I think when we're walking in the fields tomorrow, it will be decompression time.

All in all, I would say I guess you kind of celebrate that we finished better than 50th, because I don't think I've ever finished better than 50th out here.

Q. You definitely did that today.

TOM GILLIS: So we're trending in the right direction anyways.

Q. How do the crowds here compare to the rest of the Tour?

TOM GILLIS: Well, I think once you get to that end, they're good, really good. That crowd on 17 yesterday was like a Tour event. I mean, they're in the top-5, for sure. I think once we go to that end of July date, I'll bet we'll be probably the top as far as crowd support.