

**ROUND 2 INTERVIEW: EMILIANO GRILLO**  
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**Q. Talk about your round today and where you find yourself after this morning wave.**

**EMILIANO GRILLO:** Yeah, I came out here to give it a good go and I came out pretty well. I played unbelievable on the first six, seven holes, and then after that I just kept playing my game and hitting solid shots. Putts didn't drop on the back nine, unfortunate very tough 3-putt on the last one and very happy with my round overall.

**Q. Are you going to be able to just kind of let that one go?**

**EMILIANO GRILLO:** Yeah, it was a tough hole playing into the wind. Maybe the wrong club there, but pulled it a little bit. Very good three-putt from there; unbelievable to say that, but it was a very good one.

**Q. What do you like the best about this course so far?**

**EMILIANO GRILLO:** It's in great shape, greens are pure. It's hard to putt out here, it's kind of hard to read the greens with the type of grass, but it's great. It's pretty hard so the ball goes pretty far for me and I can hit some close shots, the ball lands pretty close and it stays right there. So that's an advantage for everyone, I think. I've been hitting good and I made the ones that I left it close.

**Q. You're kind of in position to be the hunted going into the weekend. Does that change your mentality after that?**

**EMILIANO GRILLO:** No. We're only halfway. If I keep playing this way, I don't think there's anybody that will catch me. If I keep playing 8-under on the weekend, that will get the job done.

**Q. What do you think about the state of Alabama so far?**

**EMILIANO GRILLO:** Pretty hot. I played three, four times here before, every time in the summer and it's unbelievably hot. But all the courses I play here, they're really good. You've got some really good courses and some good players.

**Q. What have you played here in the state?**

**EMILIANO GRILLO:** U.S. Junior and I think it was the Southern Am, I can't remember, and some other tournament. I really can't remember. Some good events. They were both held at Shoal Creek in Birmingham, so great course.

**Q. What was going so well on the front nine to help you get that lead?**

**EMILIANO GRILLO:** I just hit it close. I picked my targets and I hit them right there. Gave me some really good looks and I made them, I made them all. I two-putted for birdie on the 14th, or 13. Yeah, 13. Then I hit a good shot on 14 that gave me four in a row. Then on 16, which is a simple up-and-down from the bunker.

**Q. Is the heat a factor for you?**

**EMILIANO GRILLO:** My hometown is similar, it doesn't get any cooler in the winter so you can imagine how hot it gets during the summer. I really like this conditions. Over there in Europe if I'm -- if I'm here hitting 8-iron, over there I'm hitting almost a 6-iron because of the weather. Here it goes pretty much, it goes further out here so I can hit shorter clubs and that's an advantage for me.

**Q. The last hole that you played has given a couple players some trouble. What made it so difficult?**

**EMILIANO GRILLO:** I think the pin position out there, if you don't hit it any close, you are in trouble. If you miss it left like I did, it's a guaranteed three-putt. It's down the hill. These greens are very hard to putt. I actually had a chance of a better three-putt putting off the green than actually hitting all the way between the green. But, you know, if I would have knew, I would have hit it right.