

Q. Billy, looked like you got off to a good start going out, but back nine, some bogeys. Can you kind of tell us about your round today?

BILLY HURLEY III: Yeah, you just told me about my round. You got it all covered. I hit three bad drives on the front nine, made bogeys. There you go.

Q. Did the course live up to as hard as people were saying it's going to be?

BILLY HURLEY III: For sure, yeah. Absolutely. No, you can't hit it in the rough. I hit it in the rough, made bogey. Hit it in the rough, made bogey.

Q. How was your putting today?

BILLY HURLEY III: Putted okay, not great. Made a couple of good putts on the first nine, the back nine. Didn't make anything on the front.

Q. What's kind of the game plan going into tomorrow?

BILLY HURLEY III: Hit it better off the tee.

Q. How did you read the putt on 15, that seemed like it went left to right pretty hard?

BILLY HURLEY III: Every putt out here goes that way. I don't know how to read any of them, to be honest with you. Every single one of them seems to have a double break in it. That one, I hit a really, really good putt and it just stayed online.

Q. Billy, defending champ, any different feeling out there today when you're on the course?

BILLY HURLEY III: No. Everybody was watching Rickie behind me.

Q. From fan support, a lot of, "C'mon, Billy." What's that like for you?

BILLY HURLEY III: Yeah, it's always fun to play with support. It's fun to play near home and with more people.

Q. Wearing a Navy hat, I know you're the only vet in the tournament and I know you've talked about it before, but today the tournament starts. What's going through your mind as you wear the hat, what this tournament represents?

BILLY HURLEY III: Well, it's no different really than every day for me. Being the only

veteran on the PGA Tour as you mentioned, it's something that I take very seriously, and honored and privileged to do and represent the military out here.

Q. We know where you were last year. Where were you 10 years ago when this tournament started, do you remember?

BILLY HURLEY III: Let's see, it would have been darn close to the Persian Gulf, if I wasn't already there. I don't know when exactly it happened in 2007.