



Q. So obviously that's not the finish you want, but that's got to be a great experience here at pretty much your home course, you get to come out here and play. Describe that feeling.

GARY BENDERT: Oh, that was absolutely -- the first hole, the first tee ball was nerve wracking. I'm just glad I got it airborne, but I settled in. Who can say their first event, three bogeys in a row and then three birdies in a row. I had chills, I've still got chills. It's fantastic.

Q. What's that roller coaster like, I mean, after you hit those three bogeys are you clenching a little bit harder?

GARY BENDERT: No, no, I told myself I was not going to get mad. This is what it is and I just put a few holes together which I wanted to do. I put a great front nine together so I'm happy, I'm ecstatic.

Q. When I talked to you earlier in the week you said you weren't setting too many expectations, but is that about how you kind of expected things to go just in terms of handling the stage?

GARY BENDERT: I didn't know that I would get three birdies in a row. Having your home crowd follow you, that was just, yeah, that was icing on the cake.

Q. To have that crowd, certainly the more people watching you, probably the more nervous you get, but also just to have that kind of support, what did it mean to you to have so many friends and family and just community members out here to support you?

GARY BENDERT: Oh, the Facebook, everything has just been unreal. I never thought of this. I just thought if I did qualify, I'd just slither in, play my three rounds, nobody would notice me. This is unbelievable, I never expected this. This is, again, a dream come true.

Q. Your opinion, what kind of score is it going to take for somebody to lead after today?

GARY BENDERT: After today? They're playing good, I'm going to say it's going to get close to 7 probably, yeah.

Q. I forgot to ask you the other day, where did you graduate from high school?

GARY BENDERT: High school, Union Endicott.

Q. All the years that you've been playing at least as an adult, might this be the first time you've had a round where you finish with two pars?

GARY BENDERT: I didn't know. That was it? I didn't know, I didn't even know. I was enjoying it. I know I was making bogeys on the back, I couldn't chip and putt on the way in but that was fine. I did not get down. Really the only bad -- I had good shots, just most of them carried long. I don't know if I was just amped up or what, but I went over my round coming up 18 and the only real bad shot was my tee ball on 18. So I can't really be disappointed. I'm happy.