ROUND 1 INTERVIEW: GIBBY GILBERT III

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Q. What was working well for you during that 18?

GIBBY GILBERT III: I drove it well today. I hit my driver good so got it in play and that's what you've got to do out here, and made some good putts so everything went well today.

Q. So you're like 3 under right around the turn, right?

GIBBY GILBERT III: Yeah, I shot 3 under on the front.

Q. So do you feel the need that you have to get around like 5 or 6 at the end of 18?

GIBBY GILBERT III: Yeah, I think so. I think I probably won't be leading before -- when everybody gets done, but I'll be right there so just have a good weekend.

Q. To be the leader out of the first group, as you said, it might not hold up but to know that you kind of paced play from the first group, what does that do for your confidence heading into the locker room?

GIBBY GILBERT III: Yeah, I just played well today. I was really pleased with my driver. I drove the ball really well. I hit one errant tee shot, but other than that everything else, everything was okay. I was really happy I drove it well.

Q. What did you think of the greens today?

GIBBY GILBERT III: Good, yeah, yeah. Greens were rolling perfect. And being the first group off, obviously that's an advantage because you've got the good greens, so it went well.

Q. Just building off that, just your thoughts of the course in general, just the condition that it's in, how tough it's playing out there?

GIBBY GILBERT III: It's firm, so a lot of times it's hard to keep the ball in the fairway because the fairways are so firm. But the course is in absolutely fantastic shape. It's in great shape.

Q. Finishing Round 1 as the leader currently right now, mentally, where do you put yourself moving forward to the weekend?

GIBBY GILBERT III: You know, you just go out there and try to do the same thing I did today. If I have two more good solid rounds like I did today, that's all you can ask for.

Q. Like you said, there's still plenty of golf to be played. You might not be leading but is it harder or easier playing with the lead after the first round?

GIBBY GILBERT III: You try to just make it the same, at least I do. Just try to take it one day at a time and really not think about that and just think about each hole and just go out there and play.

Q. Would you mind running through your birdies real quick?

GIBBY GILBERT III: Gosh, if I can remember. I birdied 2, made about a 12-footer. Then I birdied 3, two-putted the par 5, hit it on 2, two-putted. Then what did I birdie? Then I made a -- then I birdied 8 and 9. I can't even remember what I did on 8. Oh, I knocked it over, the par 5, knocked it over the green in two and chipped it over about four feet and made it. Made about a six-footer on 9 and then I birdied 14. Hit a really good 4-iron to about five feet, six feet and made that birdie. And then I birdied 16.

Q. How long was the putt there?

GIBBY GILBERT III: About an eight-footer.

Q. How about the bogey?

GIBBY GILBERT III: Bogey, what hole did I bogey? The front side. I can't remember what hole I bogeyed. I can't remember, which is a good thing. I have no idea. I can't remember.