ROUND 1 INTERVIEW: GLEN DAY (-6)

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Q. Good opening round for you. How big is that establishing yourself there at the top of the leaderboard?

GLEN DAY: Well, with the weather coming in, supposedly wind, supposedly, I think it's great. I thought about that this morning, trying to make as many birdies as we can to get off to a good start because I don't know what the weekend's going to bring.

Q. You're a midwestern guy so you're used to the wind, though?

GLEN DAY: Yeah, I played in Oklahoma, so that's fine. I don't oppose it, trust me. I would rather have it. I would rather the scores not be 20-under, it's better for me. But I played good. I didn't --I think it was 13, 14, 15, or 14, 15, 16. I go birdie, eagle, birdie. Well, that's the whole day, that's 4-under. The rest of the day it really wasn't anything great. I mean, I missed greens, I didn't get up and down, I never hit it really close. I make a putt here, made some good chips. I told my caddie, I played a lot better in the last month, so I would rather have the score.

Q. How do you balance that mentally, the idea of if you really want to go get those birdies, it's most likely going to come today without being too aggressive?

GLEN DAY: Well, the greens are soft and you if you hit it in the fairway, you can hit shots, you can be aggressive. The force is there today to play good, so I'm glad that I did it today when it's there. Now, what that does, it doesn't put me in a position where the course is really hard, I've got to shoot 4-under, which could be the lowest score of the day, depending on the weather, we don't know what's going to happen. Weathermen are not always right, I don't know if you know that.

Q. What are your thoughts on this track?

GLEN DAY: I love this golf course. It's an old-style golf course, we don't play a whole lot of those. I think it's great. The greens slope, you've got to hit the ball on the fairway, it may bounce in the rough, you're trying to turn it to keep it in the fairway. I love the golf course, I think it's fabulous.

Q. And you talked about that stretch of 14, 15 and 16, even into 17. What's your thought of that grand canyon area there on 17 with the fans all over you?

GLEN DAY: I mean, the fans are great. The more the merrier. Bottom line, it's a par 3, it's a 7-iron. You've got to hit a 7-iron. It doesn't matter if nobody's standing there or the whole world's there, you've still got to hit a 7-iron.

Q. Is it a matter of experience when you're on the tee shot at 9, the wind's gusting, you're trying to pull the right club, is that just a matter of experience knowing, having the confidence to take a club you want to hit and hit it?

GLEN DAY: Yeah, you've got to pick a club and you've got to decide that you're going to go ahead and hit it and you go ahead and hit it. But that's with everything, into the wind, downwind, crosswind. You make your mistakes when you're not committed. You've got to be committed. So yeah, you pick a club, commit to it, and I hit a shot knowing it was going to be behind the hole today. I wasn't really messing with the flag. Turned out good, made a par.

Q. Is it harder to stay committed when it's gusting?

GLEN DAY: Oh, yeah, it will be.

Q. That will be the challenge?

GLEN DAY: Oh, sure, yeah, yeah.