

**ROUND 1 INTERVIEW**  
**August 17, 2018**



**CLARK DENNIS (-6)**

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**Q. So that finish on 9 there was kind of -- what happened?**

**CLARK DENNIS:** It's a little disappointing. I drove it in the left rough. Actually hit a pretty good drive and the rough was kind of thick over there. Just kind of caught my club in the left bunker and had a bad lie and didn't get it out. Fortunately, got it up and down for bogey. Disappointing way to finish, but still had a good round.

**Q. Clark, like you said, a good round. What was going good for you out there?**

**CLARK DENNIS:** Everything. Actually, my swing feels very good right now. I was driving the ball very good. If you drive in the fairway here, you've got a lot of chances, and I hit lot of fairways and I made eight birdies.

**Q. How did the course feel given all the rain we had earlier?**

**CLARK DENNIS:** It is amazing the condition the grounds crew's gotten this course in. It's unbelievable. It's really in fantastic shape for the amount of water that's been put on it.

**Q. A round like this, is this something you expected coming into this weekend?**

**CLARK DENNIS:** Yeah, I've been playing well. My swing felt really good coming into the day and I expected to play well.

**Q. You probably have done it so many times, but having a front nine finish instead of a back nine finish, does that change up anything in your game at all?**

**CLARK DENNIS:** No, you just play the course as it gives it to you. Starting on the back actually was probably a little bit of an advantage today because we had no wind on the back side and I think the back is a bit tougher.

**Q. Do you think your score's going to hold up after day one?**

**CLARK DENNIS:** I wouldn't expect it to. I would think somebody else will shoot 7 or 8 this afternoon. The greens are soft, rolling very nice. The wind is up a little bit, but I would expect somebody to come close.

**Q. Any advantage going out early like that before the wind starts to pick up here?**

**CLARK DENNIS:** No question. I had nine holes of almost no wind and perfect greens. It

was definitely an advantage to be first out.