

**ROUND 1 INTERVIEW**  
December 7, 2018



**EMILIANO GRILLO**  
**GRAEME McDOWELL** (-13)

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**EMILIANO GRILLO:** You know, it's a par 5, so you might as well, and a good drive, 3-wood and good putt.

**GRAEME McDOWELL:** And I just watched, it was awesome.

**Q. Wow, you guys are making this seem mundane. But how about just that chemistry between you two? Last year you finished runner-up beside Shane Lowry, so what do you enjoy so much about this event?**

**GRAEME McDOWELL:** I think the key to playing well in events like this is, you know, just having a great partner really. You know, I always say, What's the key to a great Ryder Cup record? Having great partners. So Emiliano and I nearly played together last year. We played a little bit together and hung out. He's obviously playing great towards the end of the season and he played really, really well today. I was very average, to be honest. I came in when I was needed a few times, but I've got a little bit of improving to do to keep up with my man here this weekend.

**Q. How about the fact with the pair that you were grouped up with? They were playing very well. Were you guys kind of going tit for tat there?**

**EMILIANO GRILLO:** I thought we played better, but we ended up -- no, they played really good. When they got in a little bit of trouble, it seemed they had a little bit of trouble, were able to make a birdie from there, it was a good round. They were able to close with a couple birdies coming in. We're kind of happy with that.

**Q. (Question about matching shirts.)**

**GRAEME McDOWELL:** I kind of feel like every year I play here we try and match up shirts. I think it's just fun. It gets in the spirit of the team contest and, you know, the team stuff's so much fun. We have the same shirt all weekend. Like I said, spirit of the event, shall we say.

**Q. Do you choose or is he going to --**

**EMILIANO GRILLO:** He chose.

**GRAEME McDOWELL:** It's like, hey, what shirts do you have? This is what I have and this is what you have, so let's just try and get three shirts that are similar together. Like I say, it's just fun to do and something I feel like I've always done in this tournament. There's Kevin

Kisner, good looking man that he is. No, it's fun to do.

**Q. What was this like for you for the first day?**

**EMILIANO GRILLO:** Oh, it was a lot of fun. It's like you play a little bit more nervous and a little bit more relaxed at the same time.