

ROUND 1 INTERVIEW
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SKIP KENDALL (-4)



Q. Skip, bogey-free 68 on Friday. Just your thoughts on the day?

SKIP KENDALL: That was fun. Kind of had an unfortunate thing happen in the beginning with we lost one of our playing partners, so kind of threw us for a loop there. But it was fun, I've known Gibby forever. We kind of fed off each other, he played well, I played well. We had a fun day out there, it was good. And I think we're done before -- we would have been done in about two hours from now maybe.

Q. Going off, do you think that's the quickest round you've ever played because of that?

SKIP KENDALL: I don't think it's the quickest one, but obviously with no one in front of us, it was just nice. We were taking our time. Even though we played quickly, it wasn't a rush out there or anything. And there was nobody out there, so we had our own -- the course was ours, so it was fun.

Q. What was going right for you out there today?

SKIP KENDALL: You know, I managed my game really well today. I hit a bunch of fairways. I wasn't in too much trouble except for maybe on 18, but managed to make par there. I think that's -- this golf course, it's a premium to hit the fairways and when you do, it makes it a lot easier. Fairways are narrow, so if you can hit a bunch of fairways, you're going to be in good shape, I think, and I did a lot of that today.

Q. So how does a performance like this set you up for tomorrow?

SKIP KENDALL: Well, it I'm glad to get round 1 under my belt. It's only the first quarter, there's three quarters, but it's good. I'm off to a good start, so hopefully keep building on it. Get another one maybe even a little lower tomorrow, see what happens.

Q. Talking more about just playing with two guys today, golfers are in such a routine, having something like that happen so early on into your round, did it kind of affect your mindset or your approach at all?

SKIP KENDALL: Honestly, I backed off my shot on 4 because it just happened when we got to the third green. It was just very unfortunate. Jean-Francois, he's a great guy. I don't know what's going through his mind, but the official saw it obviously. We didn't even see it. You know, it was just kind of a crazy thing. No. 4's kind of a tough par 3. Really, I was thinking about it and how unfortunate that is after basically playing two holes and for that to

happen, so kind of had to back off my shot and regroup a little bit. But it was fine, nothing we could do about it.