ROUND 1 INTERVIEW November 3, 2022

WILL GORDON (-9)



Q. Will, off to a fantastic start, 9-under 62 today. If we could just get a few comments on how that all came together.

WILL GORDON: Yeah, honestly, I just had an up-and-down week in Bermuda last week, played some really good golf for probably 68 holes and had a rough finish. So I didn't really have many expectations coming into this week. (Audio disconnect) for a while now. It's just really about managing my expectations and my emotions, so I feel like I did a good job of that today. Kind of let the round come to me and I putted it really well.

Q. How's the course? With the weather yesterday, how'd the course hold up today?

WILL GORDON: Yeah, I mean, this is my third time here and this is really the best it's ever looked here. It looks phenomenal and the ball's been bouncing. With all the rain we had yesterday and a little bit today, it's playing pretty nice.

Q. And you mentioned third time here. You've had experience out here before. How does this course -- sounds like a stupid question, you just shot 62, but how does this course kind of suit your eye and suit your game?

WILL GORDON: Yeah, I think primarily out here you've just got to drive the ball in play and I did a really good job of that especially through the first 14 holes. I was in a fairway almost every hole. Especially ball in hand today, you can -- and the greens are soft, so you have a lot of opportunity to hit the ball close. And with the putter hot, it was a pretty smooth day.

Q. And lastly for me, after a round like this, do you have to kind of give yourself a little pep talk to just kind of keep yourself in check and not get too far ahead of things?

WILL GORDON: Yeah, I think that's what I've tried to do in the past, but honestly I'm just going to try to enjoy the moment and continue just to move forward. I don't know what the rest of the week holds, nothing's promised and nothing's given, so I've just got to continue to try to go out and earn it.

Q. The KFT graduating class, you guys, it's been a pretty good fall. Do you kind of see momentum of a Ben finish, Taylor Montgomery, that you guys like, hey, we don't have to -- and I know you've been out here, but the fact that you see success from guys you played with, you can kind of cultivate that in your success?

WILL GORDON: Yeah, I think even on a broader scale, like there's a lot of guys kind of my



age and younger that are having a lot of success out here and guys that have been out here and had some major success that I grew up playing with. So I think you kind of, yeah, it does kind of take the fear away in a sense because you know you can do it, but you've still got to go out and do it and earn it. So it's been good to see the KFT class play well this fall and I've gotten to see a bunch of those guys, so it's been a cool transition this fall.

