

ROUND 3 QUICK QUOTE
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GEORGE McNEILL (-7)



Q. George, another top-5 finish this week, T-2 this week. Just your overall thoughts?

GEORGE McNEILL: Overall obviously I played pretty good again. Kept the ball in front of me, kept the ball in play. Trying to remember, I don't think I had any penalty shots the whole week so that's obviously a good thing.

Made too many bogeys throughout the week. Just, you can't do that. And today was, I just didn't make any putts. I hit the ball fine, just nothing. And it wasn't that I was hitting bad putts, I just couldn't read 'em all that well. But overall it was great.

Q. Two tournaments in, is that about how you expected it to go? Did you want it to go better? Like did you have --

GEORGE McNEILL: Of course you always want it to go better. I mean, two wins would have been better. Honestly, I didn't even think I was going to -- I felt like I was playing good. You don't know until you play tournaments. Playing at home, I've been playing fine. Again, kind of like what I did last week and this week, played very similar, just the same way I play at home.

Yeah, it would have been great to play obviously better, but the only way to get better is to win. I'm extremely happy with my finishes these first two weeks. Obviously build towards more and the rest of the year. I'm pretty sure that tie for second got me in Tucson.

Q. Yes.

GEORGE McNEILL: I was not in before so that will get me in there, which is great, look forward to that. Then hopefully just continue on. And also some majors, too. PGA, I think. U.S. Open. I mean, obviously good things are happening, but it's because of good play.

Q. You talk about yesterday but just having Tom Gillis on the bag, can you speak to that?

GEORGE McNEILL: Yeah, he's great. Tom and I, I think we were equally dumbfounded on the greens today because both of us were reading 'em. Like I said, I was hitting good putts, we just weren't reading 'em great. Not that we read 'em great the first two days, we just made a few more.

But having him, he's obviously a very good friend of mine, he's been here for a long, long time. Just having a friendly face, a cooling, easy personality around. The last two holes I was



kind of trying to throw up on myself, but he kind of kept me in check and got away with it.

Q. And the last one from Tom Gorman, did you think about playing the Puerto Rico open this week at all?

GEORGE McNEILL: No. I would not have gotten in.

Q. You wouldn't have?

GEORGE McNEILL: No. I would have been first alternate. They called me, Tour called me on Monday, they said you're third alternate. I said, you can just withdraw me because I'm in here.

Then I happened to look where I stood on the list and the last player in the field was still the last player in the field. So I would have been -- had I moved up to even first, I still wouldn't have gotten in.

Anyway, no, I did not consider playing Puerto Rico. I love that tournament. Obviously I'm past champion there and I've had some good finishes there, but I feel like I'm destined and I enjoy being out here and I'm very much looking forward to playing, hopefully having a long career out here.

