

ROUND 1 INTERVIEW: GEORGE McNEILL
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Q. Got off to a great start, first hole birdie and then you get to 18, birdied seven of your next nine holes. Did you see that kind of round coming today?

GEORGE McNEILL: Well, honestly, I was hitting it really nice and I felt good about the way I was swinging it. I hit it close on 11, missed it. I hit it really close on 12, missed it. Close on 13, missed it. Got up and down for par on 14.

Q. So it could have been a lot lower?

GEORGE McNEILL: I mean, yeah. On 17 I hit probably six or eight feet and missed it, and then birdied 18. Yeah, I could have been easily four shots better. But at the same time I got around to the front nine, hit a good shot on 1, kind of misread it, but then what did I birdie, 2, 3, 4, 5.

Q. 7 and 8.

GEORGE McNEILL: 7 and 8. And bogeyed 9, I plugged it in the bunker. But anyway, I hit it nice. I figured I wasn't hitting good putts on the first nine so that's kind of where I figured something out with my putting. And then obviously made a few on the other, on the front nine, my back nine.

Q. You obviously have a good history here. What is it about this place, is it the island vibe or is it the course?

GEORGE McNEILL: You know what, again, I just hit it good. If I were hitting it good at Tampa, I could have shot the same, or last week at Bay Hill, but I was hitting it awful there. Well, Tampa I hit it okay. You know, for some reason, like I said, I figured something out today. Whether it continues on, we'll see. And it feels like something I can hopefully work with for at least the remainder of the week.