



EMILIANO GRILLO (-10)

Q. Six under today, round highlighted by an eagle on 6. Tell me how your day went.

EMILIANO GRILLO: Yeah, great. Obviously anything under par on windy days, it's a plus. Obviously I think I was able to manage the ball pretty well and I was able to make the putts when I had the chance. Obviously that one on 6, it's a big plus to steal two and it's a hole that's kind of hard to get in two, so solid day.

Q. The greens look like they're starting to brown up. How'd they play?

EMILIANO GRILLO: They're definitely softer than yesterday. Yesterday afternoon it was very dry, it was almost like dark brown, like you said. Today was more of a little bit -- you could fire at pins a bit more, greens were rolling almost perfect. When you play in the morning, I think we played five or six holes almost with no wind, so you've got to take advantage of those and then just try to do your best coming in.

Q. You and Tony Finau tied for third here two years ago. Any memories of that tournament?

EMILIANO GRILLO: Oh, yeah, kind of the same the last two days but on the weekend, I played really well on the weekend in 2020. That got me, like you say, third place. I was like way behind, I think just inside the cut going into 15 and I was able to sneak in a few coming in on Friday that got me in the weekend and then I was able to go very low on that weekend. It was definitely a great week. Fell a few short, so hopefully this week will be a bit better than that one.

Q. Did you ever get close enough to feel like you could have won it?

EMILIANO GRILLO: Not really. I mean, I shot like 12, 13 under par on the weekend. I don't think I could have gone lower than that. I was very pleased with third place.

Q. Putting, it's been an up-and-down year for you by and large, but putted really well the last two days. Anything different that's been clicking this week or just feeling better?

EMILIANO GRILLO: Not really. I wouldn't look at stats. The days that I play bad -- in this year the days that I played bad around the greens, it's just because I was hitting very poorly or I just didn't want to be there. I wouldn't be looking at stats and I would say that 90 percent of the rounds this year I putted really well. Obviously it helps when you hit it close and when you make a few that kind of gets your momentum going and the hole gets a little bit bigger.

Q. I know yesterday you talked about conditions be tougher in the afternoon. Did you feel like this morning you could kind of go out and go get it a little bit more?

EMILIANO GRILLO: Yeah, definitely. Perfect conditions in the morning, soft greens, perfect greens just rolled and cut. You just have to -- when you play in the morning, I feel like you just have to make sure that you miss it in the right spot and not get behind with silly bogeys. I was kind of able to do that in the first five, six holes. Then when the wind picked up I was playing a little bit better. And shame on that little bogey there on the par 3., pretty much the only bad swing in the last couple days, so pleased overall.

Q. You made that long eagle putt. Was there a shorter one you missed for eagle?

EMILIANO GRILLO: Yeah, the one on, what was it, 12. It's kind of funny how this sport works, right? You hit it to 10 feet and you miss it, but you hit it to 35, 40 feet, 45 feet even and you make it. It's a funny game.