

ROUND 1 QUICK QUOTES

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EMILIANO GRILLO (-7)



Q. Emiliano, great round today. You were in the afternoon wave, a little bit of a harder wave looking at the scoring today. How were the conditions in comparison to what you expected out there today and what was working?

EMILIANO GRILLO: Yeah, a bit of a mix. Had a little bit of rain there on 11 and 12 and then a little bit of wind on the final holes of the back nine and then -- which was my front nine, and then yeah, sun came out, pretty much no wind the last few holes and now it's picking up. So it's been a little bit up and down.

I played good, I played great. I kept the ball in the fairway, hit it close and when I needed it, I was able to make the putts. Solid start.

Q. Went on a little bit of a birdie run there in the middle of your round, four in a row. What was the turning point to get you on your hot streak?

EMILIANO GRILLO: I don't know. I made a great putt on 14 to save par and then great birdie on 15, chipped in on 16, and then another good putt on 17. Then that kind of got me going and then I started hitting some good shots, quality shots at least, and I played smart and made the ones that I had to.

Q. You're floating right around that top-100 bubble in the FedExCup Fall standings. How important is it for you to capitalize on these next couple events and stay strong mentally through what's going to be a testy period of golf?

EMILIANO GRILLO: Yeah, we're definitely running out of tournaments right now. My game wasn't the best all throughout the year, so it's good timing for this run and hopefully a few more of those.

Q. Emiliano Grillo joins us here near the practice putting green. What a first round, 7 under par for Emiliano Grillo in his second appearance at this championship. Came up to me and said, Let's talk about 16 because I chipped in for birdie there, and that hole has been really tough today and probably will be tough the rest of the week.

EMILIANO GRILLO: Yeah, a bit of a harsh setup there into the left 205 yards, you cannot go left, but there's a little bit of an escape down the right. I think most of the players are going to hit it there and going to try to get up and down, so was able to do one better than that. Yeah, great day. Now the wind's starting to pick up, so hopefully a little bit more of that.

Q. So your opening nine was the back nine. How were you able to string together



those birdies from holes 15 to 18 to start your day on the opening nine?

EMILIANO GRILLO: Yeah, I played aggressive on 15 and it paid off. I didn't hit it too close, but I was able to make a 30-footer. Chipped in on 16, another 30-footer on 17. I tried to play smart. A bit of a mud ball in the second shot, I hit in the bunker and then it wasn't a good shot from there but I was able to make the putt. And then 18 I played a perfect hole.

Q. Yeah, to get it to 7 under par in this first round, it seems like you dealt with every sort of condition weather wise, especially the wind, trying to judge that.

EMILIANO GRILLO: Yeah, it was a bit tricky. First few holes we had rain and then the wind picked up, then it died down, now it's picking up again. Yeah, got to take it on and keep going.

Q. Your second time at this tournament. How much fun is it to play on the PGA Tour, the highest level, here in Bermuda?

EMILIANO GRILLO: It's fun. When you stand on holes like 16, it's like it's a bit of a priceless tee shot in there. The water's insane. The island, yeah, it changes perspective when you come here.

