

ROUND 2 INTERVIEW
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SERGIO GARCIA (-9)



Q. Boy, I thought you got some confidence there at the end and played very, very well.

SERGIO GARCIA: Yeah. Obviously it was a little bit breezier. Still, the course was there. If you play well, you could score, but you had to be very precise. The wind was kind of moving a little bit here and there, caught me a couple times. Yeah, very happy to see the way I go through the round and obviously a nice finish there on the last few holes.

Q. 15, that second shot you got the eagle, but inside 14 feet, pretty sporty from about 215 yards.

SERGIO GARCIA: Yeah, hit a great drive. Obviously I was aggressive with my tee shot. I knew that if I leaked it a little right it might catch the bunker, but I didn't want to have like a 3- or 4-iron in, so I hit a good drive down the left and was able to hit 6-iron. I hit a really, really good shot to, yeah, like you said, like 12, 13 feet and managed to make that putt.

Q. So now you have a chance this weekend. You came in trying to get things together. I think you figured some things out.

SERGIO GARCIA: Yeah, you know, the game feels a little bit better. There's still things that I have to keep improving and keep getting better at. My speed today was a little bit off. The greens, for some reason they were a lot slower in the afternoon than they were yesterday morning, so I struggled a little bit with that. Other than that, I obviously missed some opportunities, but I made a couple good putts here and there that at the end puts me in a good spot.

Q. Sergio, how pleased are you through 36 holes so far?

SERGIO GARCIA: Yeah, it's obviously been a first couple of days. Always nice to put a couple good rounds like that together. You know, working on some things that seem to be feeling a little bit better. A couple shots here and there, but overall it's been a good start.

Q. What are some of those things that you have been working that maybe haven't been working well in the last few tournaments?

SERGIO GARCIA: No, just keep working on things. Things that I have to keep improving on and that's what we try to do every week. Things kind of happened a little bit more today or this week than in the past few weeks and we're excited to be up there on the weekend.

Q. Now that you're in position to make a run up the leaderboard, are you paying more attention to where you're at on the leaderboard or are you still looking at cementing your spot at 125?

SERGIO GARCIA: No, I'm just going to try to keep building on the things that I did well these first two days. Obviously, tomorrow is going to be exciting and, you know, at the same time you have to keep your composure and stuff. So it's not going to be easy, but it's nice to be in that position and I need to keep working on those things, keep building on it and whatever happens, happens. Like I said at the beginning of the week, if I have a great weekend, then it will be great. If I don't have a great weekend, it will still be great because I'll get to rest.

Q. You talk about attacking on the weekend, you need a lot of birdies this weekend. Is that kind of --

SERGIO GARCIA: It depends, it depends. If the course firms up and, you know, a little bit of wind blows like it did this afternoon, there are some birdies out there, but it's not as easy as it may look. So obviously in the morning it becomes a little bit easier with really soft greens and very, very smooth greens. So we'll see, we'll see what happens.

Q. You're right there. When you look at the leaderboard, you've got a shot.

SERGIO GARCIA: Yeah. I mean, obviously Brandt is playing well, he's a little bit ahead of us, but I'm in a decent position and we'll try. We'll do our best on the weekend, see what happens.