

**ROUND 1 INTERVIEW**  
**February 25, 2021**



**VICTOR PEREZ (-2)**

---

**Q. Speak to your strong play to start the tournament today.**

**VICTOR PEREZ:** Yeah, obviously very pleased with today. I thought the conditions were like probably the easiest they'll be all week with the greens still a little bit receptive, and obviously very pleased with the start.

**Q. How is this course played? I think the defense is the greens. What's kind of been your impression the first time through?**

**VICTOR PEREZ:** Obviously angles, I think the hole course is based really about angles. If you come, especially on the par 5s where the greens are really crazy in the sense where you have a short club but you have to control the spin with a good angle, if you can place yourself in the correct position in the fairway, you have a reasonable shot. If you're in the rough or in the wrong side, then it becomes really tricky. So I think really maintaining good angles, being uphill as much as possible is really key here.

**Q. What were you trying to do on the second shot on (inaudible)?**

**VICTOR PEREZ:** I only had like 50 whatever, 56 yards I think to the front. I was just trying to like hit a little 60 and get a good contact. I had a fair amount of green on the front left, which I thought if I could hit, make any sort of contact and land on the spot, I was going to be on the green and just two-putt down the ridge. I caught it thin, just bailed a little bit on it in the bunker and didn't have the best of lies there.

**Q. Why do you think the scores are so high?**

**VICTOR PEREZ:** Yeah, I think WGCs can be quite difficult in the sense that you know you're going to play four rounds, so I think the mindset is a little bit different, but I could totally see some difficulties in the course. If your speed on the green is off, if you're in the wrong spot, you can make bogeys after bogeys. You still have to hit some quality shots. Even though the fairways might seem generous maybe from TV, they're still relatively, you know, there's hazards. I think it's deceptive in the sense that you have to commit yourself. If you're not swinging well, you're probably going to be penalized.

**Q. (No microphone) just what he was going through?**

**VICTOR PEREZ:** Obviously you never want to see that. It's obviously difficult to kind of have -- for the group to have any rhythm. It seems like he was just struggling off the tee, which again on this course, being deceptive, if you're not really feeling your swing, it

becomes quite difficult.