

ROUND 1 QUICK QUOTES
February 22, 2024



CRISTOBAL DEL SOLAR (-6)

Q. Comments on how you would assess your round.

CRISTOBAL DEL SOLAR: Played great. Just hit the ball great, just very consistent overall. Made a lot of putts, too, so that also helped. I think overall it was pretty consistent. Just strike it well, you know, made putts. It was great.

Q. Played here last year. What were the takeaways --

CRISTOBAL DEL SOLAR: Yeah, I mean, last year I also played great. I think -- I don't know. I think I just played great. I mean, I actually, I don't know. You made me think on that one.

Yeah, just hit -- I think just stick with the plan. Maybe last year I would say maybe I didn't really stick with my plan a little bit, so I'll try and do my best this year. Yeah, we'll see how it goes.

Q. You had an historic start to the season. What confidence do you gain from that?

CRISTOBAL DEL SOLAR: No, it's good. Obviously I play on the Korn Ferry still, but I played -- I've been playing pretty solid starting in the Bahamas and obviously Colombia, Panama. Yeah, I think just consistency overall.

Been working with a lot with my coaches, Eduardo Miquel is my swing coach, Eugenie Lasama (sp?) my mental coach and Ken Macdonald in Jupiter is my trainer. I think we have been just putting in the work for years now and I think it's just, just coming along. It's good to see.

Q. What did you learn last year with Korn Ferry Tour and how are you able to capitalize on those opportunities on Tour?

CRISTOBAL DEL SOLAR: Yeah, I think just consistency, just learn kind of my own way of doing things, my formula, how people call it. Just learned a lot about myself, you know, things that I do on the road, you know, how much I should practice, how much I should go to the gym. You kind of -- the only way to learn it is just to be out there.

Once I did, you know, just kind of get into a routine and rhythm of things, that's about it. I mean, just learning my way of the -- my way to play golf. I think it's been really helpful.

Q. (No microphone.)



CRISTOBAL DEL SOLAR: Just been consistent, just not making very many mistakes, try to simplify just the sport in general. I think I just, you know, my strategy was really good, I strike the ball good, putt the ball great today as well. I made a really, really long one, so that also helped.

No, I think overall it's just consistency, so it's been great.

Q. Maybe a little of an understatement saying you're playing well, you shot 57 a couple weeks ago on the Korn Ferry Tour. This is the second time playing here. You come with that confidence in this week. How important was the confidence you're getting off the Korn Ferry Tour to come and play here this week?

CRISTOBAL DEL SOLAR: It's great, I really like the Korn Ferry. Obviously I want to be playing the PGA TOUR, but last year was my first year on the Korn Ferry and I think I learned a lot. I learned about myself, my own way of doing things, my own formula. Yeah, I mean, just the competition on the Korn Ferry, I mean, it's the same as the PGA TOUR, the guys are so good. Obviously you've got the top in the world playing the PGA TOUR, so that's where I would like to be and compete against them.

Q. To go back to that 57 because a lot of our fans that listen to the PGA TOUR didn't get to hear your thoughts. As you were coming down the stretch, did you know where you were, and what were you thinking about as you were trying to post pretty much history?

CRISTOBAL DEL SOLAR: Yeah, honestly -- well, first of all, I didn't even know it was history until I finished the round. I didn't know what I was at. I mean, I knew I was under 10 under, so I didn't know I was 13. I was like maybe 13, maybe 12, you know, maybe 14. Like I didn't know exactly, I was just trying to make birdies. Again, I was hitting the ball great, putting myself in really good positions and making putts. I guess that's how you shoot 57.

