ROUND 2 QUICK QUOTES February 23, 2024

RAFA CAMPOS (-5)



Q. Nice playing, We're going to start off with the obvious round highlights by a hole-in-one. Walk us through that.

RAFA CAMPOS: Yeah, first of all, it was a fun group with Erik and Jimmy. Last couple days have been enjoyable.

Yeah, I got off to a good start, got up to 17, it was really nice playing in the morning, there was not that much wind so wasn't as hard as it normally plays.

I hit a 5-iron. Honesty, I missed it, I thought it was in the water, so I just kept on saying, please get over the water, get in the bunker. Fortunately, clubs are made for when you hit it fat it comes out low without spin, so it actually flew the bunker.

Once we saw it bounce, it was a sigh of relief for a second. Then when we saw it roll in, we were like I think this might have a chance. So that was an extra bonus for sure to see it go in.

It's ironic, it's the second one this week. I had one on Tuesday on 13 playing with Nate Lashley, and I'm like I haven't done that in 10 years. So to have two in the span of four days, that's been pretty amazing for me.

Q. Wow. So then what hole-in-one was this in your --

RAFA CAMPOS: Thirteen, the practice round. But that one I actually hit good. That one I felt it came off the face exactly how I wanted and we saw it go in so that was fun.

Yeah, overall I think I played well. I'm struggling a little bit with my wedges right now. After the hole-in-one I was a little nervous, so it just kind of took me some holes to actually get back on track. Fortunate to make birdies on 6 and 7 to kind of get back to where we started basically.

Q. You mentioned what was it like to kind of bring that excitement level back down on 18?

RAFA CAMPOS: Yeah, the good thing is on 18, you've got out of bounds on the right but you've got another fairway 100 yards left. I told my caddie as soon as I picked up the ball from the hole on 17, I was like I'm not going to go down the fairway, our fairway, just because I felt the heart was way too pumped up. Yeah, it was a little tough to manage at the beginning, but after like 10 minutes I calmed down. I think the adrenaline was pretty high,



just took me a little bit of time to get used to it.

Q. Prior to this week had you seen this course at all?

RAFA CAMPOS: No, I had not seen this course. Beautiful course.

Q. So first time was with Nate when you made the hole-in-one?

RAFA CAMPOS: Correct, correct, so that's a bonus.

It's a beautiful golf course, long, plays very different with the wind and without the wind. There's definitely like four or five holes which are par holes. Honestly, you've got to really focus on the tee shots and then focus on the second shots just to get to the middle of the green and give yourself some looks.

Apart from that, it's in great shape. I can't complain. I would like to be a little bit better on the leaderboard right now, but we still have two more days, which is something we want to add as many points as possible for the season.

Q. What's game plan? Do you have a number in mind for tomorrow heading into the weekend?

RAFA CAMPOS: Honestly, I'm at 5 under par right now; if I can get it to around 10 under par heading into the last day. I don't think it's going to be really close to the leaders, but it will give me a good mindset to try to be a little bit more aggressive on Sunday.

Yet again, we've got to go through hole No. 1, we've got to go through hole No. 10, 8, 9. I mean, there's plenty of holes we still have to go through that. Yeah, if I can get off tomorrow to a good start, hopefully try to get it to 10 under par, I think I feel in a good spot to be able to move up the leaderboard as much as possible for Sunday.

Q. Had a solid showing at Farmers. Where are you feeling most confident in your game, and still pretty early on in the season?

RAFA CAMPOS: It's still early on. Farmers, I drove the ball extremely well. I was extremely happy with the way I drove it. I think that week I was top-10 in fairways hit and greens in regulation, so that was a big plus on that type of golf course. I absolutely love that golf course.

Struggled a little bit with the putting. My putter broke just before I went to tee off on Thursday, so I'm using a rental from the par-3 course right now. It feels pretty good, I won't lie. So I actually feel extremely comfortable right now on these greens. I can't get myself to hit the ball hard enough at times, but I feel comfortable so that's always good.

Q. What scenarios did you try out --



RAFA CAMPOS: I did not try anything. We went to the caddie contest and they had those putters and I got one, I'm like (no audio) think of playing it because I still had my putter.

Then my putter broke and it was right there and we took it. Rolling it good, so I just think I need to be a little bit more confident in myself and the shots I try to hit. I think I faltered a little bit on that today, didn't really commit to shots in the middle of the round. It is what it is, but it's a learning process.

Q. Well, you didn't need the putter on 17.

RAFA CAMPOS: I did not.

