

ROUND 2 QUICK QUOTES
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SAMI VALIMAKI (-11)

Q. Sixty-seven today, how would you assess your round?

SAMI VALIMAKI: Really nice. I made a couple really good birdies in the turn, so that was always good, and finishing nicely after a couple easy bogeys.

Q. Mentioned your wrist yesterday. Everything feel good with that or --

SAMI VALIMAKI: Yeah, it was good today, so I was happy with it.

Q. Now with a couple rounds under your belt, what's kind of the key to navigating this place on the weekend?

SAMI VALIMAKI: Need to be pretty good off the tee, try to get length as you can and then be smart with the second shots.

Q. Contending and kind of being in the mix, what past experiences will you draw upon from like DP World Tour about playing on the weekend final pairings?

SAMI VALIMAKI: I really like it. I mean, the atmosphere is much better where you're going to have a couple more crowd of people, so I enjoy it always when things get heated.

Q. The 10th hole was rated the hardest par 4 on Tour last year. What do you think makes that hole so challenging?

SAMI VALIMAKI: Especially this week the wind is into it left to right and it brings the water into play and it's a long hole. I think that's why it is so tough.

Q. Sami Valimaki from Finland, your first time in Mexico. What are you most proud of in how you played golf over these first two days?

SAMI VALIMAKI: I just really enjoyed -- I wasn't actually sure Wednesday evening that we going to start the tournament, so I just been entering the week and I had a good attitude over there, especially yesterday, and today I keep fighting in the end.

Q. What was your excitement level when you found out you qualified for the PGA TOUR via the DP World Tour exemption?

SAMI VALIMAKI: I mean, it was my main goal last year, so it was always nice to finally made it over here and now I just enjoying it and try to beat these guys.



Q. Now, you grew up in Finland. I understand you have a cousin who plays hockey for the Arizona Coyotes, he's a defenseman. How much are you able to stay in contact with someone who's the same age as you, 25?

SAMI VALIMAKI: I mean, it's nice. The last couple years have been tough because he's played over here and I'm in Europe, but right now I just stay pretty close with him in Arizona last week, see a couple games, so I've been really loving it.

Q. How good are you on ice skates?

SAMI VALIMAKI: I think still better than him.

Q. What's your focus over these final 36 holes as you try to win for the first time on the PGA TOUR?

SAMI VALIMAKI: Yeah, I'm feeling like really comfortable in those situations. Of course try to win this week and we'll see what's going to happen.

