

ROUND 1 INTERVIEW: MARTIN FLORES
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Q. Just start off talking about getting off to a good start. You birdied your first two today in really perfect conditions, I think.

MARTIN FLORES: Yeah, it was. I mean, it was an ideal morning, not a lot of wind. The course is in fantastic shape. Then making a few putts early always is good for your confidence. I just kept it going all day, just putting the ball in the fairway and then it's really a second-shot golf course. Hit a lot of good approach shots in and the putter felt really good today.

Q. You had a bogey on 5. Did you feel like it was pretty important to come back with a birdie after that just to get back on the right track?

MARTIN FLORES: Not necessarily. I mean, I felt good already and I felt like I made a pretty dumb bogey. But I knew I was playing well, so just had to keep doing what I was doing and I felt like I would make some more birdies.

Q. What did you know about the course heading into the tournament?

MARTIN FLORES: Nothing.

Q. Seemed like the front nine played much harder than the back nine just based on scores and you were one of the few ones to actually come out under par. Any idea or reason why you think that you had luck and others didn't?

MARTIN FLORES: I'm not real sure. I played my practice round yesterday in the pro-am and I thought the course was a good test equally on both sides, so I'm not sure why that is so far.

Q. Did it fit your eye as soon as -- you said you never played out here. As soon as you got out here, were you like --

MARTIN FLORES: As soon as I got here, it's a really good golf course and it's going to expose you pretty quickly if you're off on your approach shots, that's for sure. They've added some length from what I can tell from the new tee boxes. It's definitely a challenge. If you don't put the ball in the fairway, coming out of the rough into some of these greens that are pretty undulating is going to make for a long day, that's for sure.

Q. What happened on 5?

MARTIN FLORES: I drove it in the right rough and then I was trying to get it up by the green and it came out terrible out of the rough into the left rough, and then I misjudged my

approach on my third and sent it all the way to the back of the green. I had probably 70 feet over a massive ridge. If you leave putts like that, there's going to be times you're going to three-putt.