

PRE-TOURNAMENT INTERVIEW: RAFAEL CAMPOS
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Q. You started three events on the Web.com Tour this season so far. Kind of talk about how your game's progressing since the season's gotten underway.

RAFAEL CAMPOS: I played so far exactly three, so Panama, Bogota and Louisiana. It's getting there, it really is. I felt really comfortable coming into the season. I think I had a really good second half of the season on the PGA Latinoamérica last year. I was really waiting to get to the Web. I felt really comfortable. I played okay in Panama, a couple good days, a couple bad days. In Bogotá I struck the ball extremely well; unfortunately, the putter just wasn't there that week. Last week played really good, couple hiccups here and there but overall a good finish for me. It's really important for me right now to just keep on making cuts. I really don't have the full season, I have two reshuffles. Pretty much I get up to the Punta Cana, Cap Cana event. So I think just starting off okay, making cuts will get me a long way. I really want to make sure I play the entire season, give myself as many chances as I can to get up to the next level.

Q. So what's the feeling like there on the Web.com Tour, what's the competition been like so far?

RAFAEL CAMPOS: It's actually really good. I'm very surprised. I feel really comfortable because I know a lot of guys. I didn't think I was going to know that many people. It's really good. There really is a big difference. Probably on PGA Latinoamérica you probably have like six guys that are always there, then you get to the Web.com, instead of six you've got 30, 40 guys that are always playing good. You've just got to make sure you make the right calls during the rounds. I think you have to play a little bit smarter sometimes because you know you can't afford to do some silly mistakes. But there is definitely a lot more competition but I like it. It kind of makes you focus a little bit more, kind of makes you play a little bit better. So I'm actually really motivated for that every week. I played last week with Charlie Wi, great guy. Doesn't hit it far but you can tell these guys have been on the PGA and the Web.com for a long time so they kind of avoid any stupid mistakes. So it's fun. The competition definitely is a little bit higher but the level is still the same. There's just a little bit more competition pretty much and a little bit more guys that are always there.

Q. And then are you kind of getting a gauge on what it will take to really have some good success out there this season?

RAFAEL CAMPOS: Yes, yes. I really think, at least as far as money wise, I have a number but don't really want to think about money right now. I kind of just want to make sure I get as many events as possible. But yeah, I really think at least for my game to get to the next level, I need to work a little bit more on my short game. Short game, putting and chipping and all that, I think I've given up a few strokes that I shouldn't have given up in the last three weeks. But that's golf. Obviously everybody's going to make mistakes.

Yeah, I do have a number, but at the same time my main goal right now is, I have end goals for the year. I really want to make sure I try to finish in the top 25. But at the same time immediate goals, just keep on making cuts, keep giving myself some opportunities. Last week I really felt I had a really good opportunity being right there next to the leaders. We had it going a few times. I just want to keep giving myself those chances so I can finish up the season and hopefully be able to play the whole 25 events we have.

Q. What are your goals for the Web.com Tour? I know you kind of already talked about that, but if you can reiterate?

RAFAEL CAMPOS: Yeah, my goals obviously for this year is definitely I would like to finish in the top 25. That's the immediate goal. I want to say I want to win the money order and all that, but I just want to make sure -- it's my first year out there, I really want to go step by step. So top 25 at the end of the year. That's my main goal for the season ending obviously. But right now, actual goals right now at this moment is just make sure I keep on playing smart, take it week by week. Go to Brazil next week, hopefully keep making cuts, then go to Cartagena. My immediate goal right now is keep on playing good, give me as many starts as I possibly can, so after the second reshuffle, hopefully I can guarantee myself the entire season and then really focus on okay, let's choose some places to be really aggressive and kind of give ourselves that little momentum and good finish that we need to try to get to the top 25.