

ROUND 3 INTERVIEW: ROBERTO CASTRO
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Q. Nice to see you back here.

ROBERTO CASTRO: Thanks.

Q. Not the finish you wanted obviously but you're still very much in the thick of this thing.

ROBERTO CASTRO: Yeah, it's a hard hole, especially with that hole location at the end of the day. It was like an ice skating rink out there. But it was a good round.

Q. Can you kind of go through how the day played out for you and where you made some hay?

ROBERTO CASTRO: Yeah, I really played well on the front. I think I turned in 2 under. Then I got aggressive on 11, which is fine and made a bogey. And then 12 and 13 were key. I got it up and down from 115 yards on 12 and then I birdied 13. So kind of, you know, was about to lose the momentum there a little bit and kind of picked it back up. And then those last three holes, they're tough. They're tough with that wind especially. I made a birdie in there so I felt good about it.

Q. Last group going off tomorrow being yourself and Rickie.

ROBERTO CASTRO: Perfect.

Q. He's going to have the big crowd, he's going to have the big gallery, a lot of eyeballs on you. There's certainly an amount of pressure but at the same time you guys kind of thrive on that stuff?

ROBERTO CASTRO: No doubt. If you want to win a tournament out here and really win a marquee event like this one, you're going to have to grab your hat and play with one of the top 5 players in the world probably the final round. So that's what I've got tomorrow so I'm excited about it.

Q. Have you seen a golf course change as much as this one has changed in the last three days, I mean Thursday to today?

ROBERTO CASTRO: Yeah, a little bit. As the day went on, the greens just got more baked out. But you know that's coming so just part of it.

Q. What would you say your biggest strength of you game has been through these three days? Has it been the putter?

ROBERTO CASTRO: No, I've been playing from the fairway a lot and I've hit a lot of greens. I made some key putts here when it matters, but I felt like I've had a lot of looks from the fairway and had a lot of birdie putts and had chances on the par 5s, so it's been fairly steady.

Q. Feel like this could be the weekend that you break through, get the first win?

ROBERTO CASTRO: It could be, yeah. I hope so.

Q. What does it take for you tomorrow other than obviously being the low guy on the board? How do you prepare yourself for tomorrow?

ROBERTO CASTRO: Really, just to play a great round. Even when I was playing the mini tours, you've got to shoot the low round of the day on Sunday to win the tournament whether you're leading or you're a couple back or four, five back. Generally whoever plays the best round tomorrow will win, so I've just got to go play a great round.

Q. Roberto, you'll be in that final group tomorrow with Rickie Fowler. As you look back on your day today, what is your biggest takeaway?

ROBERTO CASTRO: Really just making a couple nice putts in the middle of the round to keep the momentum going. That was what I was most proud of. Got it up and down with a wedge on 12 and then birdied 13 with a couple good putts. So if I can keep that kind of confident stroke and keep rolling it tomorrow, I think it will be a good day.

Q. Being in the final group today. How much did that prepare you for being in the final group on Sunday?

ROBERTO CASTRO: Yeah, it's a little bit different deal but it's very similar. You've got to be prepared to play that golf course more than anything. It's a big test, especially at the end of the day when the greens are starting to cook a little bit. So that's really where my mental preparation is is playing Quail Hollow.