

Round 1 Interview: ROBERTO DIAZ (E)
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(Translated from Spanish)

ROBERTO DIAZ: When I walked onto the first tee, I was very nervous.

Q. Why were you nervous?

ROBERTO DIAZ: Well, a lot of people screamed my name. Playing with J.B. Holmes and Charl Schwartzl, that was a good group for myself. I mean, both multi winners on the PGA Tour, one's a major winner. So I was pretty nervous.

Q. What has the support been like for you?

ROBERTO DIAZ: Oh, it's been great. The people have been awesome. 17 was very, very good, electric. People on 18, too. So it was good to make that last putt for par. It was a good boost for my confidence and the people were nice.

Q. You beat a lot of great players out there today, I know it was just Round 1. What did you prove to yourself today?

ROBERTO DIAZ: Well, that I can get nervous. I was very nervous on the first hole. And I also proved to myself that it's just a game of golf. You hit the same golf shots week in and week out. So it's going to be interesting coming up in the next couple days now that I'm going to loosen up. I don't have any expectations but I like the golf course.

Q. Can you describe how different it was to wake up and realize that you were going to play a World Golf Championship event today in your country?

ROBERTO DIAZ: To be honest, nothing changed until I got to the first tee. On that first tee it was really different. I realized that this was something huge.

Q. How were you able to keep your round going, to remain focused despite listening to the fans trying to cheer you up?

ROBERTO DIAZ: Yeah, it was hard, it was very hard. The second hole was a key hole because I made a very good putt for par so that kind of relaxed me a little. It was a difficult round from fairway to green. I didn't strike it that well, but my short game was really good.

Q. What do you think has been the toughest thing for all the players coming to Mexico, most of them playing here for the first time?

ROBERTO DIAZ: The greens. They're playing really, really tough. With so many guys stepping on the greens, by the end of the day they were playing tougher. The poa grass

grows a lot, so the ball wobbles a little. In my group, J.B. Holmes hit a couple of putts which his ball wobbled a lot, so I think that's the toughest part of it.

Q. What do you expect to get out of this week to help you out in your career?

ROBERTO DIAZ: I want to learn. I want to make it to the PGA Tour next year, next year or at some point over the next two years, and I want to be able to remain there once I make it. I want to play with the best players in the world. So I hope to learn as much as I can this week and return to the tour where I play and achieve my goal of making it to the Tour.