

**Round 2 Interview: RAFA CAMPOS**  
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**Q. Well, first things first, you left your phone in your locker last night, didn't even want to deal with it. Tell me about that.**

**RAFA CAMPOS:** Yeah, it was actually by accident but I really didn't want to come back and pick it up. Everybody was calling my brother and texting my brother, hey, tell Rafa this, tell Rafa that. My brother's like, I'm not going to tell him anything, you know, like he left his phone. I just didn't want any distractions, to tell you the truth. Last year was kind of the same thing. When I turned on my phone, there were a lot of messages. Kind of didn't want to put extra pressure on myself, so I just wanted -- I left it there, just wanted to go out and play golf.

**Q. You come back this morning and, if I saw it right, you birdied two of your three holes this morning to complete round 1.**

**RAFA CAMPOS:** Yeah, I hit a great shot on No. 7, which was my first hole out. Hit it to like three feet, made it. Hit a bad swing on 8, made bogey. Then hit a great putt on 9 to make birdie. So yeah, I kind of felt okay, we're on track. We started the second round very good, I started par-eagle. Made a couple pars, a couple good swings and then made a couple birdies, but after that kind of just slowed down a little bit.

**Q. You obviously rebounded from the bogey at 17, rebounded strong, we heard the roar of the crowd. That's got to be what it's all about.**

**RAFA CAMPOS:** I know. I mean, I love to make putts on hole 18. Doesn't matter if it's for birdie, par, I love to make some good putts. I probably had like a 15-, 18-footer, a little right-to-left and I had a great stroke. The putter's really on this week. I really feel comfortable on the greens. I'm seeing the greens very well, it's just a matter of trusting it and trying to get the right speed.

**Q. And finally, your situation's a little unique in that you're from here, you've obviously got people pulling you in all different directions. Are you able to just sit back and relax now or are you going to leave the phone in the locker again, or what do you do for the rest of the afternoon?**

**RAFA CAMPOS:** I'll take it because I want to call a couple people to thank them for the help they've given me in the last few weeks especially because I really feel my game's there. Like today I felt I hit the ball very badly from, I want to say, hole No. 9 to 14. Hit a really bad swing on 17 to hit into the water. But I really think my game's there. Mentally, I can rebound, come back, and I felt really comfortable even after the bogeys. Yeah, I was upset but I knew I was going to give myself another chance for birdie on the following holes.

I'll pick it up, make a few calls, turn it back off. But you guys watching, my friends and all

that, if I don't answer the messages, don't feel bad, you know. I'm not trying to look at all the messages.

**Q. What about all the fan support out there, just all day, it had to make you feel --**

**RAFA CAMPOS:** Yeah, it's phenomenal. I mean my mom, dad and a couple others were 6:00 here, they were following me. But after the turn when I was tied, yeah, that's when a lot of people started showing and I love that, I really do. I really hope this is -- I mean, I would love to play great not only for me but I really think it does a lot for Puerto Rican golf and that's all I'm for right now, and a lot for juniors and all that, try to motivate them to, hey, I was in your shoes 10 years ago, I'm here, you can do it, I can do it, so keep working on it. So yeah, I'm very excited, very pumped, to tell you the truth, to have so many people following me and rooting for me.