

ROUND 2 INTERVIEW
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SERGIO GARCIA (-9)



Q. Sergio, always nice to birdie the last hole. Happy about today?

SERGIO GARCIA: Yeah, very happy. I think I played really, really well. Obviously the greens get tricky, they got a little bumpy, and some good opportunities there on the back nine that didn't want to go in. Like you said, finishing with -- I probably made the toughest putt I had all day on 18, so that was nice.

Q. When I got here I thought Puerto Banus, Aloha, and then I thought your place down there at Castellon. How much are you at home here, how much Spanish has this got about it?

SERGIO GARCIA: Funny enough, Alex and I were talking on the course and he mentioned the same thing. He said this reminds me a little bit of the golf course. So yeah, I mean obviously the Mexican people, they've been amazing, welcoming, unbelievable like last year. I do feel like I'm kind of at home. We speak the same language and everything, a lot of support.

Q. Coming into form very nicely, Sergio. What's with the green today?

SERGIO GARCIA: I like green.

Q. The difference from today to yesterday?

SERGIO GARCIA: Not much. I played a little bit better today, obviously gave myself a lot of birdie chances, a couple chances throughout the day, that obviously helps. But it was just solid golf.

Q. Looking at how small these greens are, does that kind of feed into your ball-striking? Your stats for the week are very, very good.

SERGIO GARCIA: Well, it's the kind of golf courses I like. You know, Valderrama is my favorite golf course, small greens. Sawgrass, one of my favorite golf courses, small greens. So I do like these kind of courses better, and when it gets a bit firmer like it's getting and a bit more challenging, I do feel -- even though it's not easy, I do feel a bit more comfortable. I feel like my ball-striking can do most of the talking, so I'm not -- that's what I was able to do today.

Q. I know you're friends with Rafa. Have you ever been in a situation where you guys are in contention on the weekend paired together? You're paired with Rafa tomorrow,

by the way.

SERGIO GARCIA: I'm sure we did. Obviously it's Saturday, so it's not Sunday. Yeah, we've been paired together before a good amount of times when we've been out there. Maybe not in the U.S. but in Europe, for sure, yeah.

Q. Does that make it a little bit easier?

SERGIO GARCIA: No, not really. The course is still the same.

Q. (No microphone.) Do you have a video of the shirt?

SERGIO GARCIA: Have I --

Q. Have you worn that shirt?

SERGIO GARCIA: Yeah, another green shirt. Not this one, but one similar.