

ROUND 2 INTERVIEW
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ESTEBAN TOLEDO (-9)

Q. Clean card today. Can you just talk about your mentality going into it?

ESTEBAN TOLEDO: Well, one of the caddies came over and he told me to wear green, so green is Mexico against Korea. So I wear this shirt three days ago and I wash it myself last night so I can wear green today. It worked. I wish I can wear this tomorrow, but tomorrow I'm coming in black and white, so that's my outfit for Sunday.

Yeah, you know what, I played really well today. Made a lot of putts, got up and down a few times, hit the ball in the fairway pretty much all day long. You know, I played really well. I think I made only one bogey in two days, and when I looked at the leaderboard on the last hole, I didn't know I was tied for first. I was shocked a little bit. But you know what, it's a lot of guys right next to it, so we'll see what happens tomorrow.

Q. What was different today than yesterday, what did you do better?

ESTEBAN TOLEDO: Putting. I made a lot of putts today on the front and then three or four on the back, got up and down a couple of times, got my confidence level up a little bit. Hopefully I put it all together tomorrow and just got to go out there and play well. That's what I need to win.

Q. When the leaderboard's this crowded, does it make it easier to focus on what you're doing and not get all caught up in what --

ESTEBAN TOLEDO: No, not really. Just got to go out there and play. You can't worry about people behind me. I have no idea who's behind me right now. I'm not the kind of guy who looks at the leaderboard at all. I want to go out there and play and hit a lot of fairways, like my caddie's saying, and a lot of birdies. They're out there, just got to make some putts.

So I've got to go out there and practice a little bit and hopefully I put it all together tomorrow. And if it doesn't, you know, the fans are the ones, they're going to win the whole tournament. They're amazing, the course is great, the facilities are fantastic. I mean, Steve Stricker's doing a pretty good job on this tournament.

Q. Do you feed off the vibe and the number of people that are out there, and were you getting a lot of support out there?

ESTEBAN TOLEDO: Yeah. Actually, on the back nine there were some few people, and then after 12, 13 there's a lot of people out there, which is great. Things like the crowd

supporting this tournament, which is great, that's what we need. At the end of the day, you know, all the money goes to charity, which is great. We're very pleased with that.

Q. Is there a stretch of holes out there on the back nine that you think might determine this championship the way they're playing this week so far?

ESTEBAN TOLEDO: You know, 18 plays about 20 or 30 yards longer, which is a big deal. No. 10 it was tough, pin was all the way in the back. I believe it's No. 4, it's pretty tough, too. I think if you can go out there and play par or 1 under, you're doing pretty good. You've got to play aggressive the ones are easy, which is probably 12, 14, 15, 16 still, 17 pretty tough. It was -- you know, you never know. Just got to play good tomorrow.

Q. But in the short time you've developed a pretty good feeling about this course. You've played a couple good rounds out here.

ESTEBAN TOLEDO: Well, I think last year I think I shot 63 and a 79 and a 67, so you know what, I've been in the bad and the good. So far I'm on the positive way, so just got to go out there and play well.

Q. (No microphone) for the celebrity group, does that hold anything special?

ESTEBAN TOLEDO: Well, Trevino's always special to me. I need few sponsor exemptions back five years ago and I asked him for help and he talked to several tournament directors and they called me and they said we'll give you the spot. So it means a lot to me. He's a very nice guy. And I ended up winning the Insperity when at the time I need those sponsor exemptions and Trevino gave it to me, so it's always in my mind. He's a good guy.

Q. Did you have a chance to see him today?

ESTEBAN TOLEDO: I haven't seen him, no, but hopefully he comes around and I say hello. It's pretty special, this place.