

ROUND 1 INTERVIEW
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ESTEBAN TOLEDO (-6)

ESTEBAN TOLEDO: Some of those greens were quick and some of them, they were kind of a little spikey, so I kind of have to get the direction the way I wanted. But at the end I think I made a lot of putts and I shot, I believe, 66, so it was a lot of fun.

Q. Go back a few years here, I think '02 you had a runner-up finish. How much of that is in your mind when you're back playing a place like this?

ESTEBAN TOLEDO: A lot. I mean, I got a lot of great memories. I think it was one of those greatest moments that I ever played with Tiger coming down the stretch on Sunday. I guess if I were to shoot 66, I probably would have beat him, but I ended up short. But I learned a lot. I think to play with the best players in the world at the time, I learned a lot. I think all the crowd was -- they're happy, the fans were happy, the tournament was happy, the charities were happy, and I think that's what it's all about.

I give a lot of credit to all the PGA Tour Champion players. We come over and support the tournament and I think it's wonderful that finally the fans like to see the PGA TOUR Champions in the area of Flint. It's pretty good.

Q. You mentioned Tiger, your other memories that you have. Does that come into play when you're here and you're up on the leaderboard? Does that kind of motivate you a little bit more just that you do have that experience here already?

ESTEBAN TOLEDO: Well, I learned a lot from Tiger. At the time I was so focused on winning and I think today I was very focused on winning. What's going to happen the next two days, I don't know, but I enjoy my time, my day. And the fans, they're incredible. Coming down the stretch on 17, 18, doesn't get better than that.

Q. A familiar feeling when you run that long one in there?

ESTEBAN TOLEDO: I wasn't expecting that shot. I mean, it's 45, 50 feet. I told my caddie, if I make this putt I'm going to throw a left hook, so it was the right time. But it was exciting day for Jesper, I play very well. I feel sorry for Bart Bryant, that he left us on No. 4, as well John Daly. I think all the fans are going to miss both of them.

I'm just happy to be here, to be honest with you. I can't wait for tomorrow, can't wait for Sunday. I think the spectators are going to have a heck of a time, the sponsors. I mean, everybody's going to have a good time, so can't wait for tomorrow and Sunday.

Q. Your caddie is just styling out there with that hat he has on.

ESTEBAN TOLEDO: Well, you know, nothing get better than Channel 25 and a 66, okay? He's having a good time. We're speaking Spanish, we're playing jokes here and there, he kind of got me moving, you know. I'm relaxed a little bit. He's just having a good time.