

ROUND 3 INTERVIEW
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JHONATTAN VEGAS (-11)



Q. Jhonattan, I hate doing this because it's one of those days where it really could have been special. 4 under through 7 and great looks at 9, 10, 11, 12, wow. And then the eagle. How low do you feel like you could have gone today?

JHONATTAN VEGAS: I don't know. I mean, somewhere in the double digits. I played a phenomenal round tee to green. Missed a couple of shots, obviously wasn't impeccable. Obviously from last week to this week, I feel like I've been a little bit off with the rhythm of my putter, can't seem to hit it hard enough and hit them on line to make putts. I mean, obviously I feel like I'm doing all the right things, but obviously when you're out of rhythm with the putter, it's hard to make putts. Like I said, I have to take the positive out of it and feel like I'm playing well and hopefully they all fall in tomorrow.

Q. Going to school close to here, got to be fun. There's a lot of people out here rooting for you. Got to be excited about Sunday?

JHONATTAN VEGAS: Obviously, obviously. Like I say, I went to school about an hour and a half from here. There's a bunch of Longhorns everywhere in Texas. This is always a good place. Obviously I want to support all the events here in Texas, especially this one that's been -- it's one of the oldest events on Tour. Any chance I have to play and obviously have a chance to win tomorrow will be a nice thing.

Q. They love the Horns or hate the Horns, there's no two ways about it, is there?

JHONATTAN VEGAS: No, there's not. Luckily, things are coming around for the Horns. Hopefully, people are liking us a little bit more than they used to.

Q. How are you feeling?

JHONATTAN VEGAS: A little bit better, off and on.

Q. Jhonny, comment on your round if you can, please.

JHONATTAN VEGAS: Obviously a really good round tee to green. I couldn't be more pleased with the way I played today. I think 5 under is probably the highest I shot today the way I hit it. Obviously left -- I mean, a lot of opportunities. 5 under through 7, had great looks on 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 a little longer. Could have been a really, really low one, but obviously super happy with a 67. I'm going to be a few shots back going into Sunday, and obviously this course, anything could happen around here. The weather's going to be a little bit different tomorrow, so we just have to wait and see.

Q. Did the rain affect you guys out there today?

JHONATTAN VEGAS: Especially the first kind of six holes, it was off and on. Luckily, the wind wasn't really blowing that hard, so at least we had to deal only with the rain, which is never a really bad thing. But greens got slow, things got a lot slower that you have to adjust on the go. It wasn't that bad. I mean, I was expecting worse, for sure.

Q. What do you have to do tomorrow to kind of make a charge?

JHONATTAN VEGAS: Make birdies, simple as that. Especially if the wind stays as low as it's been the whole week, you've got to make some birdies to win here. So luckily I feel like I've been playing good golf and hopefully I can keep it up for one more day.

Q. Historically, you haven't played well at TPC San Antonio. Is there something that happened with your game or is it the lack of wind this year? What's happened?

JHONATTAN VEGAS: You know what, I actually had a good -- played December 31st, my last round of last year here, so I had a nice talk with the course and luckily it's working. The course has been nice to me this year for the first time.

Q. Why did you come here in December?

JHONATTAN VEGAS: With the family. We came here to spend New Year's Eve with one of my best friends in town. We played here and, like I say, we all had a nice talk with the course and it's been working, hopefully.

Q. The carrot dangling, the Masters invite, does this week kind of feel a little bit different?

JHONATTAN VEGAS: It does. I guarantee you everyone here wants to play next week. It's one of our greatest weeks of the year. You want to be a part of it, you want to have a chance to win a major championship, especially the Masters. So it puts a little more pressure. Especially if you have a chance to win, you've got to play harder than you play all year to try to get in. But you've got to do your thing and play golf and don't worry about what's going to happen.

Q. What do you look for in your game this time of the year with the major championship season starting?

JHONATTAN VEGAS: Well, just consistency, which I feel like I've had the past five, six weeks. Been able to play consistently, have a chance to win a few times, kind of put yourself in contention and obviously test yourself in those moments. If you're able to do that, you know things are going the right way and you have to be patient enough to try to have a win.