

MARTIN TRAINER

MARTIN TRAINER: It's really windy, so that's number one is the wind. That's the hardest part about this golf course, but it's also really long. This year the fairways are a little softer, which is going to make the course play a little bit longer. So last year the ball would run in the fairway and that makes a difference because you have shorter clubs in. This year it's going to be a little softer, a little longer.

Q. I know in past years one of the issues is the wind, the heavy wind. How do you feel about playing on a course like that?

MARTIN TRAINER: I like playing in the wind, I've always done well. I think when you play in wind it makes it harder to get the ball close to the green, so you need a good short game and you need to putt well, save a lot of pars. So I think for me that's a strength of my game.

Q. Do you see this tournament as something that you annually mark on your calendar, say, well, I want to go to Puerto Rico for that?

MARTIN TRAINER: Of course. I won here last year, so of course this is the one I want to come back here. I did better here than any other tournament last year, so I couldn't wait.

Q. Some people talk about the heritage of the Puerto Rico Open already in terms of the future stars that come along to the years coming from Puerto Rico. Is that in your mind?

MARTIN TRAINER: I think so. I want to come back here because I know that this is a place that I've had success at and I know a lot of players in the past have come here and done well and then gone on to have great careers. But for me, this is such a great opportunity to play at a course where I'm comfortable that I want to come back in the future.

Q. Familiar?

MARTIN TRAINER: Yeah, it feels good, it feels familiar, I have good memories.

Q. How disappointing is it that Rafa was like the host for you guys, is not participating this year?

MARTIN TRAINER: Yeah, obviously being the best player from Puerto Rico, you want to see him out here. I know he's had some great finishes and he's battled some injuries and all that. I hope he is able to play here for many years in the future.

Q. Do you think that Puerto Rico -- you can play all year round. Is it curious that more players don't play on the PGA Tour or are not good enough to make it to the PGA Tour?

MARTIN TRAINER: Yeah. I mean, it's a great place to grow up and play golf. The weather is good all year round and, you know, they have a lot of really nice courses, especially around San Juan. I played at Dorado Beach when I was on the Latinoamerica Tour a few years ago, too. That's a great one. I wouldn't be surprised if in the future there's more players from Puerto Rico that make it to the PGA TOUR.

Q. How important is it for you guys to support this event considering that a couple years ago the hurricane hit the island and then there was some earthquakes in the south. Do you guys feel comfortable playing even if people in other areas are a little hurting still?

MARTIN TRAINER: Yeah, I think that's something that every player has on their mind when they come here. They know that there's some pretty big national disasters here recently and a lot of people have suffered. For us, you know, we hope we can come here and just hope people have a good time, and hit some good golf shots and entertain them and distract them. I'm sure they have a good time at least for this week.

Q. We were talking to Rafa earlier and he mentioned that this course is very tough because for players that hit the long ball, if you have the wind, but also if you hit low. What do you think will be your strategy going into the week?

MARTIN TRAINER: I think you have to do both of those, you have to hit it far and you have to hit it low. I'm going to try to be aggressive and hit a lot of drivers and try to hit it on the green as much as I can.

Q. What are you feeling comfortable with as far as the technique of your game? Is there something that you feel is really coming around as you're heading into the week?

MARTIN TRAINER: Yeah, last week I had a really good week for the first time in a long time and I putted well and I hit my irons a little bit better. So hopefully this week if I can hit my driver well, which is usually my strength, and putt well, I can do pretty well.

Q. What do you think makes it so difficult to repeat a title here in Puerto Rico or any other course?

MARTIN TRAINER: It's always hard to repeat because if you won, then you probably made a lot of putts and got a little bit lucky here and there on a few shots. So it's always really hard to repeat because things have to go your way. There's a lot of players that are really good and they're all playing well, and so the guy who wins is going to be the one who makes some putts and gets a little lucky. Hopefully that can be me again this year.

Q. A comment about you're the only one of six former champions here in Puerto Rico Open. How do you feel about that?

MARTIN TRAINER: Yeah, I mean, I don't know why they wouldn't come back, but the way I think about it is if I did so well here in the past, this is the tournament I absolutely can't pass up.

Q. How do you guys feel with if you have one bad round, how do you deal with it going to the next day?

MARTIN TRAINER: You just have to forget about it. When you're playing, all you can do is hit the shot that's in front of you. So no matter if you're doing really well or really poorly, all you can do is focus on the next one. You know, all of that other stuff, it doesn't help to think about it. The only thing you can do is hit the one in front of you.