

**RAFA CABRERA BELLO (-6)**

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**Q. Rafa, assess your round if you could, please?**

**RAFA CABRERA BELLO:** Well, I mean, 3 under like yesterday, it's a good round. There's a lot of birdies out there, but you have to hit the fairways. Rough's pretty brutal, so you have to play good golf. And the greens are very nice, the ball's rolling very nice. There are birdies out there, I think. That's why we see low rounds, but it's not easy, you still have to play really good golf and I'm happy with how I've been playing the last two days.

**Q. Let's talk about one of your birdies on the 7th hole. I know you just met with Mark Russell. If you could just explain the ruling that came down.**

**RAFA CABRERA BELLO:** Yeah. So what they wanted to speak to me about is they felt that I took too long to approach the hole. Obviously they hit the putt and I saw it stay on the lip and like everything, you're just like praying for it to go in and you're kind of waiting. And I'm like, oh, it's not going to fall.

But then I saw my playing partners walk up to the ball and start staring at it and I thought like they must be seeing it moving. And a few seconds later I started walking at the hole and when I was getting -- when I was reaching the ball, it dropped. And we reviewed the footage and the referee said that it was so, so close and so tight, but they wanted to know if I have deliberately to slow down my walk to the hole and I told them that I didn't, I slowed down because I saw my playing partners walking in.

I didn't know the 10-second rule, when it actually came in effect. I didn't know if it was after I had hit the ball or when you reach the ball or exactly -- I didn't know exactly when. I wasn't trying to gain anything, it was just one of those one-in-a-thousand scenarios that luckily for me I end up with a birdie.