



**CAMILO VILLEGAS (-6)**

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**Q. Camilo, first round 64. You made that look easy in very difficult conditions. Can you just talk about your round?**

**CAMILO VILLEGAS:** Yeah, it was tough out here, but I love this place, had success. I've been coming here since 2000 and it's one of those stops I don't like missing. I've been feeling good, to be honest.

It was kind of nice this morning. I got on the range and see a little rainbow out there. I start thinking about Mia and said hey, let's have a good one. Nice to have Manny on the bag and yes, it was a good ball-striking round, it was a great putting round. I was pretty free all day. Like you said, it's tough to be free under these conditions, but I found a way to do it.

**Q. Given your experience on this golf course, did it help out at all given how hard it was out there?**

**CAMILO VILLEGAS:** Yeah, for sure. Like I said, I've been coming here since 2000 and you know where to miss it or not to miss it and you know that the wind here plays stronger than you think. Walking down one of the holes, my brother goes, like there's no way it's blowing 18, and I don't think it was. I think it was pretty strong out there and we managed to keep the ball low. I have no problem keeping the ball low. And roll some putts. The greens are perfect. They're getting fast, firm and I managed to read them pretty good today.

**Q. You mentioned Mia. Is it difficult not to get emotional during a round like this when you think about her?**

**CAMILO VILLEGAS:** You know what, I just did a little bit when I mentioned her name. When I'm out there, I'm so focused, there's so much going on, especially under these conditions. I'm there with my brother and you just follow a process. So to answer your question, you're so focused on what you're doing that it doesn't really -- I'm not going to say it doesn't distract me, but like I said, when I got on the range and I saw a rainbow, hey, listen, here it is. She loved colors and rainbows and my wife was all about it. And it was cool. It was a nice way to start the day.

**Q. Did you have a chance to do one of the walks with your wife and the group?**

**CAMILO VILLEGAS:** Yeah, believe it or not, it was a total of five and I did four, so that was good. One of them got rained out, I wasn't there, and the rest were awesome. We had a lot of close friends and a lot of support. It was a great initiative. We raised some funds for those that need it and they'll be happy about it. And once again, the support from the golfing

world, the non-golfing world has been unbelievable.

It's plain and simple, I've said it a million times, I can't change the past and since I can't change the past, I've got to focus on the present. It's not about forgetting because you never forget your daughter, but it's about -- it's about being in the moment, being in the now and this is my now. It's not with her, but it's -- it's -- it is with her at the same time, so you've just got to stick to the process.

I love playing golf, I love doing what I do. The game of golf has been great to me. I happened to have a shoulder injury there for the last couple years that kind of set me back a bit, but I'm excited. I think things are rolling the right way and obviously if I keep doing what I did today, it should be fine.

**Q. What was the best shot you hit today? What really stuck out?**

**CAMILO VILLEGAS:** Let me see, let me think. I think the second shot on 15 was pretty good. I was a little in between clubs. I ended up going with a 5-wood and it was pumping left to right and I hit it on the green and two-putted for birdie. Overall it was -- again, you go around this place with no bogeys in these conditions, it was a nice round.

**Q. You got into contention at a Korn Ferry Tour event. What would it mean to be in it on the weekend?**

**CAMILO VILLEGAS:** I'm not trying to get ahead of myself. That was actually one of the -- one of the kind of purposes for the day. I've got Gio Valiante here this week, which is fun, I haven't worked with him for a long time. We go way back to college and he's been around the golf scene for a long time and we did a little work this morning.

It's all about just freeing up and going one at a time. I'll play tomorrow, I'll play hopefully good and keep it going for the weekend and we'll see what happens. But again, it's golf. You can't get ahead of yourself. Start thinking about winning a golf tournament on a Thursday afternoon, I mean, yes, we all want to win golf tournaments. Yes, we all tee it up to win golf tournaments, but that's not really how it works in my mind at least. I just come out here tomorrow and try to play good and do it all over again Saturday and see what happens.