

**ROUND 1 INTERVIEW**  
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**JOAQUÍN NIEMANN (-5)**

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**JOAQUÍN NIEMANN:** It was tough, it was hard to adjust myself into the wind early, but yeah, I'm really happy the way I played. Took me a couple holes to like figure it out a little bit with the wind and stuff, but yeah, I'm really happy the way I played and the way I finished.

**Q. At what point could you tell you had your game?**

**JOAQUÍN NIEMANN:** Yeah, I made a lot of good up-and-downs on the last couple holes on my first nine and after that I knew if I could hit good shots and give me the chances, I'm putting really well, so just gave myself some chances and I made a lot of good putts, so it was good.

**Q. What were the adjustments you had to make with the wind?**

**JOAQUÍN NIEMANN:** I mean, there was some spots that it was hard to judge from the rough. There was some shots that I -- is a tough rough, so sometimes it wasn't -- it was tough to see how the ball's going to react. Yeah, for example on No. 6, I had a really good shot out of the rough and made a good putt. After that I just put myself in the zone.

**Q. Final question, with your 66 out of this morning wave, it's currently the low number, are you surprised at all with how tough scoring was across the board?**

**JOAQUÍN NIEMANN:** Yeah, it doesn't matter how tough it plays, there's always some guys here on Tour that are going to come out with a really good score. Yeah, I mean, just the first day, I'm really happy the way it started and still have three days to go.

**Q. Could you kind of speak to the ribbons and what it means to have the support from everyone out here?**

**JOAQUÍN NIEMANN:** Yeah, it's big for me and for my family in Chile. Having all the support from all the people here on Tour is really amazing, and also from Mexico. The tournament, they're helping me a lot to tell a little bit more of the story of Rafita, so happy for all the support of the players. We're fighting for him.

**Q. How many ribbons do you think you've given out this week?**

**JOAQUÍN NIEMANN:** I don't know. I've got a bag with a lot of them, so yeah, just put it on the first tee and the locker and the 10th tee so they can grab it.

**Q. Does it give you a little bit of extra inspiration playing for kind of something bigger**

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**JOAQUÍN NIEMANN:** Yeah, it's always extra motivation trying to play for him and get some more money for him, so yeah, it's special.

**Q. Are you doing anything this week again?**

**JOAQUÍN NIEMANN:** Yeah.

**Q. What are you doing?**

**JOAQUÍN NIEMANN:** I'm not doing the birdies and eagles like the other week, but I'm donating the prize.

**Q. Whatever you get?**

**JOAQUÍN NIEMANN:** Yeah.

**Q. So knowing that a top finish could go a long way toward that --**

**JOAQUÍN NIEMANN:** It would be nice to see.

**Q. If you could just expand on (inaudible).**

**JOAQUÍN NIEMANN:** Yeah, so this week also I'm playing for Rafita, that is one of my cousins that was diagnosed a couple days ago with a really rare disease. Yeah, we're hoping now Rafita and all the guys here on Tour are being really nice, using the little ribbons we're having to support Rafita. He's fighting now in Chile, so we've got to work our way to help him.