

ROUND 2 INTERVIEW
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JORGE FERNANDEZ VALDES (-10)



JORGE FERNANDEZ VALDES: Yeah, I started my round hitting very well, giving me some chances in the first holes. And yes, I played very good the front nine. Actually, I made an eagle on 7 from 118 yards, which was awesome for the day and helps me to keep playing well. Well, I think I hit it pretty good all the round and give me a lot of chance of birdies. Well, I think it was a really good day.

Q. What was the reaction (inaudible)?

JORGE FERNANDEZ VALDES: Yeah, actually, I hit the shot and I thought the ball went like over the hill, but then like one of the players started walking faster to see if the ball went to the hole, but yeah, that was the end of the story, the ball went to the hole. Yeah, it was a very good shot and obviously a great feeling.

Q. What do you feel like (inaudible)?

JORGE FERNANDEZ VALDES: I think probably No. 18, it's a tough hole and there's some -- a couple, like 1 and 18, it's not easy out there.

Q. What is it about this course (inaudible)?

JORGE FERNANDEZ VALDES: Well, actually, I play -- I hit good. Like if you hit good, like anybody here can play good, it's not just me. I think yes, I have a very good two days to start the tournament. Yeah, it gave me a lot of chances for birdie, so that helps a lot.

Q. How is it kind of nerves-wise or mentality playing with the lead (inaudible)?

JORGE FERNANDEZ VALDES: OK, yeah, it's a place where everybody wants to be here. We work hard to play good golf to make good weeks and to win the tournament, so I think at this moment I can't be in a better position to start the weekend.

Q. Is your family traveling with you every week?

JORGE FERNANDEZ VALDES: No, not every week, just this week and the next two. They went to Chile because it's close to my home, but yeah, probably they going to come like in this second wave we have, like the second stretch of seven tournaments, they're going to come again for three or two weeks.



Q. What's it like to have them here?

JORGE FERNANDEZ VALDES: OK, yes, it's very important. As everybody knows how important is family, to have them here, it's amazing. Yes, I mean, it feels like I'm at home so I can see in the scores these two days, so I wish I could do it the same.

Q. What's your wife's name and your son's name?

JORGE FERNANDEZ VALDES: My wife Martina and my daughter Acelia.

Q. And how old is she?

JORGE FERNANDEZ VALDES: She is one year and four months, three months, so little, yeah.

Q. So nice to have that time with her, right?

JORGE FERNANDEZ VALDES: Yes.

Q. You can miss so much on the road.

JORGE FERNANDEZ VALDES: Oh, yeah, you know, a lot.

Q. (No microphone.)

JORGE FERNANDEZ VALDES: Actually, no, because playing the tournament, you don't have much time. Actually, they went to the shopping mall to see something, you know. Yeah, I mean, I think next week is going to be more fun because there's so much things to do. I think they have a daycare next week, so that's going to help also.

