ROUND 1 QUICK QUOTE November 2, 2023

CAMILO VILLEGAS (-8)



Q. OK. No surprises, the same questions you've been asked. Great round today, 8-under 64. Can you sum up what you felt most good about?

CAMILO VILLEGAS: Yeah, the round started with very little wind and then we got a pretty consistent, not very strong west wind, so it wasn't very tricky from that perspective. Fairways are forgiving. Got away with a couple little toe-y shots, still stayed in the fairway. I hit my irons nice and the putter worked. Anytime you shoot 8 under par you've got to roll some good putts and that was the case today.

Q. Thoughts on the course? Obviously we're hearing a lot of wide fairways, tricky greens and so forth. You obviously handled that well.

CAMILO VILLEGAS: Yeah, it's interesting. It's in great condition. It is forgiving off the tee, which I think we all wish it was a little bit tighter, to be honest. But it's in great shape. And the greens, the greens are still soft. Obviously they had some storms here last week. Hopefully they get a little bit firmer. Low scoring's out there as you can see on the leaderboard and it's going to be that type of week, so we've got to keep pushing.

Q. You missed the cut the last few times, so what worked today? What's the difference between how you played today versus how you've been playing this season?

CAMILO VILLEGAS: The same, you just focus on the process. I've been working really hard with my new instructor this year, Jose Campra. There's some big changes. It's been a slow year, but -- it's been a slow year from a performance point of view, but it's been a very hectic year from a working, so there's been a lot of work there. It's always nice to see a low score.

Q. (Inaudible) the difference between being Top-125 and just playing with champion status?

CAMILO VILLEGAS: It's huge. Obviously it's huge, especially next year where we've got all those elevated events and who knows what the fields are going to be. But hey, I'm not worried about that. I've been out here for a long time. Yes, I want to be out here for many more years, but things don't change, man. Wake up every morning to the same things and play good, get better and you just got to let the rest take care of business.

Q. (Inaudible) that sticks out?



CAMILO VILLEGAS: Yeah, the one on 7 was really good. The one on 7 looked like it was going to go right in, but I kept seeing something left in it. I really trusted that one, played it about a cup right and it went in. I'm going to say about 15, 18 feet.

