ROUND 2 QUICK QUOTE November 3, 2023

CAMILO VILLEGAS (-16)



# Q. Another great day of playing, heading into the weekend leading by two. What's kind of thoughts for the weekend?

**CAMILO VILLEGAS:** Yeah, started really good today, eagle-birdie-birdie kind of set the tone. Made a bogey on 4, three-putt, but then came back, made a good birdie on 6. It was a day where you had to be very patient, pace of play was really, really slow. We were waiting every shot, sometimes it was a little tricky to focus. I kept it pretty chill with my caddie and my playing group and just tried to keep the momentum going on a slow day.

# Q. Were there any other key factors to keeping that focus, talking were your caddie, but how did you remain kind of patient and calm on days like this?

**CAMILO VILLEGAS:** Yeah, I've been doing a lot of work. Obviously it's nice to play good this week. One of the things just kind of sounds cliche and we always say it and every player says it when they play good, but you've just got to stay in the moment, but it's true. Not getting ahead of yourself, not getting behind, not letting what you just did affect your emotions or what's coming affect how you can think of the present shot.

No, good energy from my caddie. We had a great time. Just obviously when the putts are rolling in, it feels even better.

## Q. If you had to guess, when's the last time you had a start like this to a tournament?

**CAMILO VILLEGAS:** Oh, 8 under, 8 under. Well, this strong, it wasn't even a PGA TOUR event. It was in 2004. I just graduated. I missed second stage of Q-School and I went to play a Hooters Tour in Orlando. I shot 61 first day, 62 the second day. I got myself with one. That was kind of -- it hurt because I won the tournament by 10 shots the week after missing second stage of Q-School. It was like a bittersweet win.

No, in -- it's gettable. Not much wind. Greens were a little bumpier in the afternoon, you could see it when the sun started coming down, you could see the balls bouncing, you could see the surface a lot more wobbly that yesterday, yesterday were perfect, but we'll be back tomorrow.

#### Q. Have you been waiting for a week like this?

**CAMILO VILLEGAS:** You always want to play good, man. You just focus on the process and just keep grinding. Our job is a lot better when you're playing good, but like I said yesterday, doesn't really change. You wake up with the same purpose. It's a frustrating

game. We go through the ups and downs. It's nice to be on a good note these first two days.

## Q. What was the club you hit into the first hole?

**CAMILO VILLEGAS:** I hit 3-wood into the first. Actually thinned it a little bit. I thought it was in the left bunker, somehow it carried that bunker, grabbed the back slope. Maybe 10 feet for eagle, made that one.

### Q. Of the three birdies coming in, which (inaudible)?

**CAMILO VILLEGAS:** Eighteen, 18 was a good one. I had a perfect 4-iron. I just caught it a little bit, a little bit drop kicky, and that front of the green was a little bit firmer than yesterday. I still thought it was going to be a great shot, but you don't mess with that back pin and I almost paid for it. I was way back there. Fortunate I got to take a drop and got a little better lie for my third. That's not the place to be. So to make four on that one, it makes dinner taste a little better.

### Q. Is your family here?

**CAMILO VILLEGAS:** No, I'm solo this week. You know, my wife has been so busy with Mia's Miracles, working on the foundation doing all this great stuff to change our kind of sad story to a positive to help others. But you know what, next year she'll be here, it's a pretty special place.

#### Q. (No microphone.)

**CAMILO VILLEGAS:** We got a lot of stuff going on. It's become her mission in life. September was a big month, children awareness, cancer awareness month, we raised some good funds. There's always stuff going on.

January's going to be a big month. The week of the Honda Classic we're going -- well, I guess it's not the Honda Classic anymore, we'll see who takes it. Palm Beach, what is it? Palm Beach Classic. Sorry about that. So used to so many years saying Honda. That's going to be a special week. Then we keep plugging. We're going to do probably two events next year.

You know, the sport has been unbelievable. To see so many people smile, so many children going through tough moments like we did and just be able to just give a little smile, make their day, make a parent's day, just have the parents just be able to be with their children when they're going through tough times, because we saw in the hospital when we were there five months, we saw a lot of kids by themselves. Obviously parents had other -- well, they should have -- they wished they were there, but they couldn't because they had other responsibilities. So we try to get those parents to be able to spend time with their children and don't have to worry about the other responsibilities, especially financially, in a tough situation and bring them smiles.