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**ROUND 3 QUOTES**  
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**RICKY CASTILLO (-13)**

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**Q. Ricky, good round today, been playing pretty solid all week. What's been working well for you?**

**RICKY CASTILLO:** Just been hitting the ball really well, just been really, really solid. Out here you've got to do that. It's pretty tight and greens are really firm, so putting the ball in play and in the fairway is super important. Made a few putts early, didn't really make anything coming in, but still, overall a solid round and in good position for tomorrow.

**Q. Yeah, seemed like today you went out pretty easy -- four birdies, not any bogeys -- then kind of scrambled a bit on the back. What was kind of different between the two nines?**

**RICKY CASTILLO:** Kind of put myself out of position a couple times and out here you're just going to make bogeys. The greens are firm, it's really tight, the rough's decently thick, so that's going to happen if you put it out of position.

Made a good birdie coming in on 17 and just tried to be as solid as I can. That's what you've got to do out here, just try to hit a lot of fairways, a lot of greens and give yourself the most opportunities.

**Q. Outside the missed cut to start the year, you've been finishing really well in tournaments, your worst was tied for 20. What has been working for you or what would you credit that to this year?**

**RICKY CASTILLO:** Just I worked really hard on my mental game, just being a lot more calm and patient out there. It can be frustrating at times when you're not making birdies and you're not climbing up the leaderboard, but you just kind of have to stay calm and stay patient, just try and claw your way up, do the best you can and keep fighting.

**Q. So last year you came in off PGA TOUR University kind of halfway through the season. What was it like this year having a full offseason to prepare?**

**RICKY CASTILLO:** It's been nice just being more prepared, getting more time off in between the start of the season and kind of get to choose my time and get to do what I want to do. It's nice. It's been great just traveling a lot, I enjoy it. It's been tons of fun, so it's been great.



**Q. As we mentioned, you've been finishing really well. What would it mean to capture a second victory out here?**

**RICKY CASTILLO:** It would mean a lot. Obviously that's what we're all trying to do, we're all trying to win out here. Everyone's trying to do the same thing. I'm just going to take it one shot at a time, be patient, not try to get too far ahead of myself. It's a long season, I think there's 20 more events after this. Whether I win this week or not, I'm going to go back home, get to work and just keep practicing and keep grinding.

**Q. What have you enjoyed the most about this Latin America swing kind of to start the year?**

**RICKY CASTILLO:** I've enjoyed the courses a lot. The courses have been really, really fun. They've been a lot different than some of the courses we play in America. I think a lot of the guys out here have really enjoyed it. Just traveling to new parts of the world, it's a fun new experience.

