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**MARCELO ROZO**

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**Q. Marcelo, 6 under today, good playing out there. I guess take us through that start to the round. You got off to a fast start with birdies on the first three.**

**MARCELO ROZO:** That's right. That was probably the key to finishing 6 under today. I missed two short putts, 4 and 5, to go 5 through five, but I was feeling good. My putter was working very well and I think I stayed patient when I didn't make some putts that I should have probably, but I also made a bomb on 14. I shaped, I don't know, like a 50-footer for par and that gave me the good mojo to finish the last few holes.

**Q. And you had the eagle there at 10. Can you tell us about that a little bit?**

**MARCELO ROZO:** That's right. Perfect number. I told my caddie, we had 195, that's actually what I hit my 6-iron. Wind off the left, pin on the right, that's kind of what my eye sees all the time. We picked out a good target and hit a committed shot and it came out obviously perfect. I had, I don't know, eight feet and I was able to convert.

**Q. What's it mean to you coming through on the Latin America swing here, your last event you got to play back home and just getting to come back down here?**

**MARCELO ROZO:** I love this place. Obviously it's a special event for me, I won it in 2013 and I know the club well. And the people, obviously the golf culture they have here is amazing. I always enjoy coming back to Argentina. I have good friends and we've been enjoying some steaks with my wife and some friends over where we're staying. It's always fun to play Latin America, you feel like at home every country you go. Been doing it so long, since I've been a junior, traveling the same places and countries, so I know a lot of people so they make you feel at home.

**Q. You mentioned winning this event in the past. What do you remember from winning back then?**

**MARCELO ROZO:** I was so young, that's the first thing. Just good memories. It's obviously a total different course, nothing like this. This is more traditional, something that I love. You have to keep your ball in front of you in the fairway and be smart when you have good numbers. If you have like room to be aggressive when you're in the fairway, then you can do that, but even sometimes you're in the fairway with a wedge (inaudible), so just kind of take those moments, it's key in a place like this.



**Q. How have you felt about your game so far this year through the first four events? Then obviously playing well today, but where are you at?**

**MARCELO ROZO:** I still have room to improve. I will say more my short game around the greens, that's what needs to get better. And then my putter, it's been better but I want it to be more consistent the way it was today, that's why I'm able to obviously shoot low. I want to make some putts.

We're working with a friend of mine, Joaquin, and we've been doing a good job of it over the last two months, three months with my putting. More mental side than technical, more on how to approach putting and just be more natural. I just try to act like a kid more on the greens and that's paying off. My game is in a good state right now. Just keep plugging and, like I said, working hard and grinding, that's what I know.

**Q. You mentioned you know this place pretty well. People talk about kind of the undulations in the greens here can make it kind of tricky. How do you think having that knowledge of this course helps you out this week?**

**MARCELO ROZO:** It does help a lot. If you're seeing it for the first time, I don't know, only for two rounds before this. I've seen it playing in different conditions, fast and baked out and slow with rain. And right now the greens are receptive, but starting to get some bounce in the fairways. Like we were expecting some rain, but I hope the rain doesn't come because it will make it very fun for the weekend.

Like I said, just keep the ball in front of you short of the greens and when you cannot attack, just really be smart and take a 30-, 40-footer two-putt and move to the next. That's really a key here, you cannot go over the greens. Just be smart where you're putting your ball. Sometimes it's better to miss the green in the right place, like short or something like that, instead of just going for the pin and I don't know, have 30-foot birdies, or 40s and just move on.

