

ROUND 3 QUICK QUOTES
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NICO ECHAVARRIA (-9)



Q. Rainy day, how did you feel about your round today?

NICO ECHAVARRIA: It's probably one of the best rounds I've ever played in my life the way I hit the ball off the tee. I think I found every spot on the golf course. I chipped out like three or four times and made only one bogey. With these conditions, I'm very proud of the way I fought today to give myself a chance. I just have to hit it better tomorrow off the tee and hopefully we'll be right there. The putter and the irons are good, I just have to figure it out.

Q. In today's round, what sticks out more, the birdies or the par saves?

NICO ECHAVARRIA: Definitely the par saves. Maybe the best shot of the day was the one on 16. I hit it pretty close and I didn't make that putt, but it's one of those rounds where you've been grinding so hard that even not making a seven footer for birdie, you can shake it off. I was mentally tough to stay in the moment and try to fight every par or chance for birdie.

Q. You said mentally tough. How hard has it been? First round it was windy, yesterday sunny and today a whole different round of weather.

NICO ECHAVARRIA: The spots I was in, I felt like I was playing one of the hardest courses in the world. Some of the setup of the course today was tough, like some of the par 4s were playing really long with the conditions, but yeah, today was just a grind.

Q. What's it like to kind of have fan support now as defending champ or what else will you be using? Pretournament you talked about using underdog mentality going into tomorrow.

NICO ECHAVARRIA: Yeah, I think how I said I have to hit it better off the tee to have a chance to give myself opportunities for birdie, so yeah, somewhat of an underdog mentality, but right now I'm just going to go to the range and figure it out.