

ROUND 2 QUICK QUOTE

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RICKY CASTILLO (-8)

Q. Another solid round today, Ricky, 4 -- under 68. How would you assess the round for you?

RICKY CASTILLO: I mean, I played -- the last two days I played really, really solid. Just really kept my ball in front of me and put it in the right spots and stuff like that. This really isn't that difficult of a golf course, but with this wind it makes it a very difficult challenge. Especially if you're trying to get greedy in spots, it can be difficult, so you kind of just have to manage your game and try and take the birdie chances as they come.

Q. With the wind and the heat today especially, how have you been able to stay cool and just stay patient throughout the round?

RICKY CASTILLO: Yeah, the biggest thing is just knowing that everyone's dealing with it. Especially in the putting inside 10 feet is really, really tough. Just trusting and committing to your lines just because you can have a steady wind and a big gust and then make the putt move a completely different direction. I think that's the hardest part. But I've done a good job of just staying patient, managing my game. When I hit a good putt and the wind messes it up or something like that, try and focus on what you can control and hit a good putt and stuff like that.

Q. You're coming off a top-5 at the Cognizant Classic last week. Has that helped with your motivation or your confidence?

RICKY CASTILLO: Yeah, I mean it's always nice to see some good results when it hasn't been great. Not that it hasn't been great to start the year, but didn't really do anything in the west coast and just kind of made the cut and 40th and stuff like that. It was nice to have a good Saturday out there and have a solid Sunday and have somewhat of a chance to win coming down the stretch. It was a cool experience and it's nice to know that my game's trending in the right direction.

Q. What are you going to do today, if anything, to keep that momentum going for the weekend?

RICKY CASTILLO: Just work on my swing a little bit. Out here it's real easy to get caught up in hitting shots and your swing can kind of get a little bit into a bad space, especially for me. So I'm going to probably just go out there and hit balls for a little bit, just kind of groove it back in.

Q. Is "Bet On It" still stuck in your head?

RICKY CASTILLO: Yes, it is stuck in my head. She was singing it last night and I can't get it out of my head right now.

Q. We were wondering if you guys were watching it yesterday.

RICKY CASTILLO: No, she just started singing it. I think I mentioned to my caddie on the 13th hole, I'm like, dude, I can't get it stupid song out of my head right now. Yeah, it as funny.