

ROUND 3 QUICK QUOTES
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CAMILO VILLEGAS (-18)

Q. Fifty-six today. You just told me you were very patient. Just talk through these last two days. Pretty impressive stuff.

CAMILO VILLEGAS: Yeah, you know what, I feel comfortable out there, just trying to keep it really light with my caddie. Today was going to be a little slower round with 82 guys making the cut and just trying not to waste too much energy, just being too focused.

Yeah, played nicely. I was very patient because I did make a bogey on 4 and then just kind of missed n5, didn't make birdie on 6, good birdie on 7 and then got going there 9, 10, 11, 12, and the finishing stretch is a little tougher. Hit good shots, especially on that 15 and 16th hole. Got away with a drive on 17, made a good 4 there. I thought actually I made that eagle putt.

But overall, three days, one more, just got to keep doing the same thing. I don't even know where I am. Hopefully I'm in the last group and see what happens.

Q. You are in the last group, the last group for the second consecutive week. The last win came in 2014. You talked about fear and overcoming demons. How much will you take your experience with the four career wins into tomorrow?

CAMILO VILLEGAS: Oh, for sure. Like I said, this is a mental grind here all the time and the guys that are playing their best golf are obviously, technique-wise they're really good, but they're very comfortable and confident and all that good stuff. I've been working on that end, been working on my swing quite a bit. I feel like the changes are finally starting to feel a little bit more natural. It's been a big overhaul and I've been patient with that, too.

Q. You just looked at the leaderboard, kind of more of a common thread of some maturity out in your final group. What does that kind of say about the game?

CAMILO VILLEGAS: I know. Alex and Ryan Moore, we played college golf together. That's good, we've got a good group tomorrow. It's nice to be in the final group for a second consecutive week. That tells me that I'm doing the right thing, that all the work that I've been putting in is heading on the right track. But again, we've only played three rounds, golf tournaments are four. We've got to come back tomorrow, do the same thing and see what happens.

Q. You've been using the word "patience." What does it mean to stay patient, especially in tomorrow's final round?



CAMILO VILLEGAS: Yeah, I have. I was getting a little too rattled when putts lipped out or a hit a bad shot and I was just kind of going away, it was affecting the way I was playing. You just want it so bad. As a golfer struggling like I've struggled the last several years, I think you want it so bad you start trying so hard and things just -- the game comes and bites you. So I've been trying to let the game be the game and let my mind be calm and at peace. It's been pretty good the last couple weeks, so let's keep it going.

Q. You discussed it with us last time about those nerves being in contention in the final group. How are you able to use that?

CAMILO VILLEGAS: Yeah, obviously you come to Sunday, you're going to feel a little bit more anxious, more nervous. I did last week, but very little compared to what I thought I was going to feel.

I'll get a good night of sleep and I'll continue to -- I'll bring those feelings tomorrow, I'll be patient. Hopefully we get off to a good start. If not, we'll be patient and we'll see what golf can bring to us. This is a good golf course. The wind's going to be a little bit different. Some nice finishing holes where you can get some strokes back and we'll see what happens. I'm excited.

