



Q. Well, maybe tell us about your round, 5 under par and right where you probably should be in a tournament. With only three rounds you have to kind of go low right away, don't you?

JOSE MARIA OLAZABAL: Yeah, you have to start quick out of the box. Obviously it was a nice round, I shot 5 under par, one of the best rounds of the season so far and I'm really pleased with it obviously.

Q. What was the buzz like? You're playing with Montgomerie and Faldo, very famous people, people in Calgary really excited to see you as well. Was it a fun four hours?

JOSE MARIA OLAZABAL: Well, I'll tell you what, that first tee was extraordinary. That starter on the first tee did a wonderful job. The crowds are very big and it was nice. Nice to play with Monty and Nick obviously going back many, many years and it was a great round, nice to play with them.

Q. You sat down yesterday and told us how tough of a season it's been. It was almost like you were sandbagging us.

JOSE MARIA OLAZABAL: Oh, no, no. I mean look at the results. It's pretty simple if you look at the results. I struggled all season long. I haven't been able to play good enough, score good enough and that's why I am where I am. Well, you know how golf is, we all know. One day things might change and you might have a good round here and there. Today was one of those good rounds.

Q. Does it build confidence for you a little bit?

JOSE MARIA OLAZABAL: In a way, yes. I managed to hit a few good shots during the day. I hit a couple of, actually two, three crooked tee shots with the driver that I was a little bit lucky with that helped the round, too, and I need to improve in that department.

Q. When you come out and I think you said you had never been to Canada before --

JOSE MARIA OLAZABAL: Yeah.

Q. -- how do you find the interaction, what do people want to talk to you about here? Not necessarily fans --

JOSE MARIA OLAZABAL: No, especially the fans what they're trying to do, at least that's what I feel is they try to really give you a very nice and warm welcome, make you feel good being here and they've achieved that. They've been really nice to me. I've talked to the

drivers that take us back to the hotel and to the golf course and I've been updated about the fires and about the whole situation, so it was nice. It's been really nice.

Q. Golfers who have won as much as you have aren't used to struggling. To see your name up there again, I know it's only one round, but after a tough season what's that mean to you to be kind of in the thick of it?

JOSE MARIA OLAZABAL: Well, it's just a little step forward, that's a fact, but at the end of the day I need a few more good rounds like this one in a row to really build that confidence back. That's what I'm looking for. Hopefully, I will be able to put a couple of more good rounds and I'll leave Calgary a happy man.

Q. Any favorite memories, moments out there today?

JOSE MARIA OLAZABAL: Today?

Q. You mentioned the first tee?

JOSE MARIA OLAZABAL: Actually, the first tee was I think the best moment of the day. The starter did a wonderful job. Actually, he through a few Spanish words in there so it was really great.

Q. What did he say in Spanish?

JOSE MARIA OLAZABAL: "Give a good and very warm welcome to the Spaniard."