

# Sony Open in Hawaii

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Waialae Country Club

## Joaquin Niemann

### Quick Quotes



#### Q. Great finish. Tell me about the closing eagle.

JOAQUÍN NIEMANN: It was a good way to finish. Just happy the way I played. Nice chip-in to finish and will help me sleep for tomorrow.

#### Q. How did the great finish last week help?

JOAQUÍN NIEMANN: Yeah, spent a few days thinking about that last hole, but just taking all the positives from the week and I think just taking all the positive and pull it out for this week.

#### Q. Spending another week with Sergio. Tell me about that friendship?

JOAQUÍN NIEMANN: Last week was the first time we played together in a competitive round and now we have two more rounds together. It's always nice to have a friend to you playing in a tournament.

#### Q. Talk about your eagle on 18?

JOAQUÍN NIEMANN: Yes, a good way to finish, like I said, finishing with an eagle is always nice. Good way to keep motivated for tomorrow and have a nice round.

#### Q. Can you describe your round and what was really working well for you?

JOAQUÍN NIEMANN: I think it's a little bit of everything. I hit the ball great off the tee. Hit my irons really close and made a lot of good putts. I think the only little mistake I had was on No. 12 that I just, I don't know what happened, just hit a really firm putt and I just three-putted there. Other than that it was a pretty good day.

#### Q. A continuation of Sunday?

JOAQUÍN NIEMANN: After I finished, I kept thinking of the negatives on Sunday, the way I played on 18, kept my mind a little frustrated a little bit. After that, I was thinking more the positive of the week; the way I played, the way I

played on Sunday and just taking out the positive and try to put that into this week.

#### Q. You and Sergio have a lot of fun. Does it help playing together feeding off that energy?

JOAQUÍN NIEMANN: Yeah, it's always nice to have friend next to you in a golf tournament. We had a lot of fun. Hopefully we can get a good day tomorrow for me and for Sergio.

#### Q. What shirt did Sergio have on today?

JOAQUÍN NIEMANN: Yeah, we forgot. I've got to say, it was coincidence -- no, it was not coincidence on Sunday.

Today just whatever we wear.

#### Q. Sunday was part of the Adidas?

JOAQUÍN NIEMANN: No, I asked him by text, "Hey, what are you wearing tomorrow." And like he sent me a picture of his outfit. I'm like, all right, I'm going to wear the same.

#### Q. What how long does it take you, when you finish a round and you don't win, circumstances like that, like Kapalua how long does it take you to put it behind you?

JOAQUÍN NIEMANN: It was the first time that it really hurt me, like finishing a golf tournament. But like I said, probably one or two days I just keep thinking on how I couldn't make birdie on 18 and get it done.

But yeah, I mean, I was talking with my coach, with my psychologist, and it was -- we talk like for an hour about the whole tournament, not for that 18th hole. So it was a good way to take all the positives from that week.

#### Q. Sergio has more experience with that.

JOAQUÍN NIEMANN: Yeah, he gave me a good speech right after I finished. He told me, yeah -- he told me about the experience that he always had a lot of playoffs and he won a lot of them and also lose a lot of them. He was one



that told me to take out the positive and not the negative from that week.

**Q. Was Sunday forgotten when you teed off today?**

JOAQUÍN NIEMANN: Yeah, this is another week and it's another tournament.

**Q. How do you play 18?**

JOAQUÍN NIEMANN: On 18, I hit a high draw with a driver. I just missed the fairway. I hit it in the rough. Then I just hit it a little heavy. I thought it was going to be a little flyer and I hit it a little heavy and I just chip it in.

**Q. On the tee shot, have you ever thought about hitting 3-wood to keep it from going through?**

JOAQUÍN NIEMANN: Yeah, I feel really, really good when I hit high draws with the driver. So I think you've got to hit a perfect shot, you've got to draw it a lot. It's a little tricky shot but I feel good on it so I just went for it.

**Q. Did you have a clear shot of trees for your second?**

JOAQUÍN NIEMANN: It was fine. Just one yard too long.

**Q. On 14, did you try and do the same thing?**

JOAQUÍN NIEMANN: 14, dogleg left, yeah, that bunker was 295, 300 to carry. The ball was going far today, so I prefer to hit it over the bunker.

**Q. Hard to keep it in the fairway?**

JOAQUÍN NIEMANN: It's pretty firm. Just hit a bad second shot but the driver was pretty good.

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