

# Men's Olympic Golf Competition

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Le Golf National

Colombia

Camilo Villegas

Quick Quotes

**Q. So I believe you attended the Opening Ceremony and we saw pictures of you why newer national costumes.**

CAMILO VILLEGAS: A little funky outfit, yeah.

**Q. What impressed you most about that opening ceremony?**

CAMILO VILLEGAS: It was just the logistics more than anything. I think it was as athletes we could have seen more but man it just got pretty there towards the end. So many people, the energy was great. Just being around the athletes was awesome. Being around the Colombian athletes was pretty special. As golfers, we don't get to do that too often, and yeah, obviously I did not see it on TV since I was there but I'm sure there were some interesting things.

**Q. What's your buildup preparation been like this week getting ready to tee off tomorrow?**

CAMILO VILLEGAS: I came early. I wanted to experience The Open Village which so far has been the highlight of the trip. Pretty article being around different athletes, different sports, different bodies, different physics, different training routines. Cool. The Village doesn't stop. You wake up at 6.00am, it's going. You get back from watching swimming or something at 11.30pm and you walk by the gym and the gym is still going. That's pretty cool.

Now we are here. Time to focus on the golf. Played nine Monday, played nine yesterday and going to play nine today. Golf course, first time for me here and pretty special. I loved it. It's not a golf course where you have to hit a crazy amount of drivers like we are getting used to these days in the game of golf. You've got to be smart. There's a lot of danger out there. Pretty interesting, cool little section greens. I'm enjoying it.



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**Q. Has there been an athlete that you have run into that's impressed you?**

CAMILO VILLEGAS: I'm not quite like that in terms of seeing guys and going --

**Q. Sore a sport that you've seen?**

CAMILO VILLEGAS: I just enjoy sitting and watching different people. I mean, going from the gymnasts that are I don't know how tall and going to the volleyball players, the beach volleyball. I watched Brazil play a beach volleyball game in the men's and these guys are huge, and then the boxers. The boxers are pretty cool out there in the gym, how quick they are, how fast, doing all their training. Kind of everybody in the Olympic Village has given their life in one way or another to the sport. Again, there's so much more behind it than people think.

**Q. Lastly, if you were to medal this week, can you imagine what that would be like when you go back to Colombia with that intact?**

CAMILO VILLEGAS: Yeah, it would be cool. The support has been great. The game of golf is not big in my country but we've had great support, and Olympics, even though we don't have the amount of athletes like other countries, yeah, people are watching. People are paying attention. It will be cool just wearing your country's colours, carrying their flag and representing them. It's different than we are used to.

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