

# Cognizant Classic

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Palm Beach Gardens, Florida, USA

PGA National Champion Course

## Nico Echavarria

### TV Quick Quotes



**Q. Congratulations, Nico, in your third victory on the PGA TOUR. You did it by going bogey free over the weekend at PGA National. How did you play such clean golf?**

NICO ECHAVARRIA: It was a blessing today. I didn't have my best off the tee, but I was able to manage. I had some good breaks. To win out here, sometimes you have to have good breaks if you're not Scottie Scheffler that hits it every time in the perfect place. So I'm happy with how it went.

I'm glad that ball on 17 stayed up, and my caddie told me, hey, it's over, the ball is safe. You have the easiest putt you can have, straight up the hill, so let's make this putt, and that was the mindset. It switched right away.

**Q. Were you aware that Shane Lowry hit his tee ball in the water on 16 just behind you, at which point he had a three-stroke lead?**

NICO ECHAVARRIA: Yes. The NBC guys told me after I two-putted on 16, and then we looked back and we saw Shane's caddie running down to get the drop or get the yardage, so we knew he was probably going to make double at best there.

Then on 17, my caddie, when we were on the tee on 18 after we hit the tee shot in the fairway, I said, I think he hit it in the water again. It was more playing smart, getting a 5 out of there and just getting out of here.

**Q. What a week this has been for you; on Friday you and your wife Claudia just closed on a house here in Palm Beach Gardens. This is some way to announce your arrival to the area. Could you ever have expected the week would end like this?**

NICO ECHAVARRIA: I told her on Monday, and I told John, my financial advisor, that I was going to win this week, that I felt that way. I told them that it was feeling good. I was glad I'm out of the poa greens. I was hitting the ball good, and here we are.

We're getting a dog, too. I promised after the third win was a dog. Happy with that.

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