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The Cliffs at Walnut Cove

Ricky Castillo

Quick Quotes

Q. Ricky, equaled your best round on the PGA Tour with a 62. If we can get some comments on an excellent day.

RICKY CASTILLO: Yeah, I mean, I just really did everything really well. Drove it really well, and out here driving it is I feel like the biggest thing. If you can drive it well you can be aggressive and take your chances and stuff like that.

I was just in position a lot, especially on the par-5s where I could be aggressive.

So all in all really good day. Put myself in position a lot and really played solid.

Q. Number six got the best of you yesterday, but you made up for it today. If you can take us through that hole.

RICKY CASTILLO: Yeah, it was fun. I ended up like shanking it yesterday and made a double, and today I just hit a perfect 9-iron. It was rolling right towards the flag and I think I it one-hopped in and just a bunch of cheers going on on the back of the green after it went in.

So it was a cool feeling. I haven't made one in a while, so it was nice.

Q. Two holes later you eagled eight. If you can take us through that.

RICKY CASTILLO: Yeah, I hit a really good drive. Hit it way down there. I only had 185 in and hit an 8-iron to about a foot and a half, two feet. Those two holes, it made them feel pretty easy just having -- holing out for eagle and a tap-in eagle on the eighth.

Q. 98 strokes gained off the tee yesterday; No. 1 right now. 94 tee-to-green yesterday; No. 1 right now. Just talk a little bit about the difference there.

RICKY CASTILLO: Yeah, I felt like I really didn't hit it that



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bad yesterday. Just a few, like two or three really bad misses and I just felt like I corrected those today and just put myself more in position and just gave myself opportunities to be aggressive.

On this course if you can be in the fairway you can somewhat be aggressive to a decent amount of holes. It's when you get in the rough and stuff you have to play a little bit safer. I was in the fairway a lot today and just gave myself a lot of chances.

Q. Seven of seven scrambling today, so that helped out as well.

RICKY CASTILLO: Exactly. I been making a lot of putts, too. I don't think I really missed a putt inside 15 feet today. When you can do that it's usually going to be a pretty good score, so...

Q. I know you've already won this year, but how excited are you for the fall and hopefully getting second win?

RICKY CASTILLO: Yeah, obviously I'm always trying to try my best and try and win every single tournament I play in. But winning or not, I'm just out here happy that I'm playing on the PGA Tour. I think sometimes a lot of us take it for granted being out here. Sometimes I need to take a step back and be grateful for the position I'm in, because I know there is a lot of people that would die to be in the position I'm in.

I'm just happy out here playing golf. I was not feeling great after FedEx. Just needed a break. Now coming back here I feel a lot more refreshed and just ready to go out and play, so it's good.

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