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Copperhead Course
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First-round leader quotes

AN INTERVIEW WITH CAMILO VILLEGAS

JOAN vT ALEXANDER: Thanks, Camillo, for joining us for a few minutes at the media center at the PODS Championship. A good start to the week, a difficult course. But it looks like you handled it pretty well.

CAMILO VILLEGAS: Yes, I did play well today. Perfect weather out there, perfect golf course. Tough though. The greens are rolling perfect, and I hit some nice shots. I hit a bunch of fairways and a bunch of greens which obviously makes it a little more relaxing out here on this tough golf course. Good day, and we'll be back tomorrow.

JOAN vT ALEXANDER: Questions, please?

Q. Do you just always play good in Florida? Did you know coming in you were playing well and you felt good about this week?

CAMILO VILLEGAS: I've been playing well all year. My results maybe haven't shown it. But at least I've been feeling good all year. And last week was a fun week, was a good week, and I played some good golf today. Once again, I hit a bunch of fairways, and I hit a bunch of greens which always helps in a tough golf course like this one. And more importantly than anything, my attitude is great out there. That's what I keep telling myself. Wake up with a great attitude, come here and enjoy what I'm doing and work hard and hopefully the outcome will be the best one.

Q. How disappointed were you after last week's performance and how important did you think it was for you to come out today and put together a good round to start this tournament?

CAMILO VILLEGAS: Everything from last week was very positive, and I was very excited about putting myself in that position. I was very excited about giving myself a chance to win my first PGA event. Obviously, it's a playoff, 4 players, anything can happen. Mark had a great week, and he had a great playoff and now we're here. Once again, it was all positive and it will always be that way.

Q. If you and Mark arm wrestle, who wins that one?

CAMILO VILLEGAS: I am.

JOAN vT ALEXANDER: Let's go through your round real quick. You start on 10, right, and you birdied 11?

CAMILO VILLEGAS: I did. I birdied 11, I hit a very nice 4-iron that just barely missed the green on the right. A nice chip to about three feet, and made that one for birdie.

From there the rest of the round I just kept hitting good shots and good shots and just hitting greens and greens and 2-putting.

And on 1, I hit two really nice shots. I hit the green in two today. And 2-putted for birdie.

Then I bogeyed No. 4, I just missed the green just short but I was almost on the green. My chip wasn't the best one, but I hit the pin and I had about a five-footer coming back that I missed.

Those downhills can get a little tough out here. But came back nicely with birdie on 6, a pretty tough hole.

A great second shot into 7 to about two and a half, three feet for birdie.

8 is a tough hole, parred 8. Parred 9 to go home with a smile.

Q. You may have been asked this earlier in the week, had you played this tournament before?

CAMILO VILLEGAS: Yes.

Q. Last year?

CAMILO VILLEGAS: Yes.

Q. Did you already like the course?

CAMILO VILLEGAS: Yes, it is a great golf course. Obviously you guys have heard all of the other players say that it's plays a little different with the over seed. But I thought the greens were going to be a little softer. You know what? They're not. They are pretty firm and pretty fast. But they are rolling perfect.

It's a very, very, very good challenge we are going to have this week so I'm very excited about it.

JOAN vT ALEXANDER: Do you feel like the course was playing long, Jesper mentioned that compared to the fall?

CAMILO VILLEGAS: It was pretty dry out there in the afternoon.

And tomorrow morning, I'm sure the temperature will be down, it's going to play a little bit longer. Maybe Jesper played early in the morning.

JOAN vT ALEXANDER: He played at the 7:00 time.

CAMILO VILLEGAS: I guess it will be playing longer tomorrow, I'll have the same time.

Q. Was it kind of a weird week schedule-wise because you had the Monday finish and what did you do on those off days?

CAMILO VILLEGAS: No, it was good, played the playoff on Monday, jumped in my car with my brother, drove up to Gainesville, slept in my bed that night which is always good and just head down for an afternoon practice round here Tuesday.

Q. It's a long drive?

CAMILO VILLEGAS: 3 hours and 10 minutes, not too bad, not that many cops around.

JOAN vT ALEXANDER: Wait, it's 3 hours and 10 minutes from Honda to Gainesville.

CAMILO VILLEGAS: Then two hours here.

JOAN vT ALEXANDER: Then two and a half hours here. Everybody all set? Thank you, Camilo.
