

**PODS Championship  
Innisbrook Golf Resort  
Copperhead Course  
Tampa Bay, Fl**

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**Pre-tournament quotes**

### **AN INTERVIEW WITH SERGIO GARCIA**

(Interview by tape.)

Q. How is it that you came here? Somebody said that you had been told good things about the course? And what do you think after seeing it?

**SERGIO GARCIA:** It's great. It a difficult golf course. The greens are very, very quick, downhill, down grain, they are rolling, they are very, very fast. It's just a good challenging course. You know, it's good driving out there. The greens are not very big, so you have to be on. The chips around the greens are quite tough. It's an overall tough golf course. I think it's a great test for all of us, and the way it's playing, it's getting better every day.

Q. Was it a word of mouth thing, did you hear from the other guys?

**SERGIO GARCIA:** Oh, definitely, yes, I heard it from a lot of players that it's a very, very nice golf course. The kind of golf courses that we enjoy, and we always enjoy. It's one of the courses that challenges you a little bit. And making pars here and there, it's not about this (inaudible). Something around 10-under par wins. That always shows you that it's a good challenging golf course.

Q. Golfers are creatures of habit, and this whole Florida swing and this build up to The Masters is completely different. How is it getting adjusted to all of that stuff. Is it different?

**SERGIO GARCIA:** No, I don't think so.

Q. Do you like the new way that the Florida swing is set up?

**SERGIO GARCIA:** Yes. Yes, I liked it before. I don't think it's bad now either. I don't know really see any problems with it.

Q. Will you miss having a big Marquis event like The PLAYERS sort of getting you guys in the major frame of mind?

**SERGIO GARCIA:** Well, what do you mean? We have this week here, a great golf

course, a tough golf course. We have next week, Bay Hill is always a great golf course, a great tournament to play. And then you have the World Championships at Doral. So you have three great tournaments to tune up to The Masters.

Q. Are you still using the two caddy system?

**SERGIO GARCIA:** Yes.

Q. How does that work?

**SERGIO GARCIA:** When one is caddying, the other one rests.

Q. How many weeks one go?

**SERGIO GARCIA:** Just half, half.

Q. I don't have Glen's last name, what is his last name?

**SERGIO GARCIA:** Murray.

Q. M U R R A Y?

**SERGIO GARCIA:** Yes, like Bill.

Q. How long has this been going on?

**SERGIO GARCIA:** Been going on, this is my second year.

Q. How well are you playing right now, how sharp is your game?

**SERGIO GARCIA:** Well, I played pretty nicely in LA and Tucson. I got run over by Charles, who is playing, very, very nicely. But not too bad. I didn't hit the ball that great this last couple of days. But I'm tuning up a little bit and trying to get in good shape to start tomorrow.

Q. How do you feel your putting is right now?

**SERGIO GARCIA:** It's better. It's definitely better. I feel much better, and keep working on it. I think it's improving every week.

Q. What is your favorite Arnold Palmer story that you can tell?

**SERGIO GARCIA:** Fortunately, my favorite one I can't tell. He has been nice. He has done so many good things for golf. Not only him as playing, but also with the money he gives to charity, and his event so its always an honor to come to Bay Hill and play in his event.

Q. Was it a big deal when you met him for the first time?

**SERGIO GARCIA:** Definitely, yes, I was really happy. And that's why I played every year ever since. I like the golf course. It's just a wonderful event.

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