

ROUND 2 INTERVIEW
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JOSÉ MARÍA OLAZÁBAL (-10)

Q. Can you just talk about the hole-in-one?

JOSÉ MARÍA OLAZÁBAL: Obviously it was the highlight of the day, no questions about that, for me at least. We had 209 to the hole, the breeze was hurting a little bit, I decided to hit a 3-iron with a little fade. When I struck it, it looked good. When the ball bounced on the green the first time, it was pretty much online with the flag. I kept on looking at the ball and the ball looked like it was rolling straight towards the hole. At one time the ball disappeared and that was it.

Q. How many holes-in-one do you have now?

JOSÉ MARÍA OLAZÁBAL: I think eight or nine in competition. I'm not sure, but around that number.

Q. What does it mean for you to play the Champions Tour in Morocco?

JOSÉ MARÍA OLAZÁBAL: Well, it's special. I've played in Morocco many times before, but obviously not on a Champions Tour event. Have to say that the golf course is fantastic. It's demanding, the greens are small and hard, conditions on the golf course are excellent and the weather, as you see, is fantastic.

I think it's not just me, but every member, every player that has come here to play is having a good time. The food is excellent, there's a lot of things to see in Marrakesh, so I think even the wives are having a great time so that's a plus. I think to be playing an event of the Champions Tour here in Morocco I think is always going to be good for Morocco and good for the Champions Tour.

Q. What are your thoughts on tomorrow?

JOSÉ MARÍA OLAZÁBAL: Well, I don't have any expectations, to be honest. I know that my game is still not 100 percent, I'm still lacking a little bit of consistency and confidence. It's true that I had two great rounds and I'm really happy with the position I'm in. I wasn't expecting this after the way I played last year and the winter I had at home where I couldn't practice much. So everything is a plus, is a bonus. We'll see what happens tomorrow, but I'm just happy to be in this position.