

ALVARO ORTIZ (-9)

Q. Birdie at nine, you got bragging rights over your brother today; he finished at 8 under par.

ALVARO ORTIZ: Yeah, it was a nice way to finish. I think I played really well during all the round. I had a couple of hiccups in the beginning, but played really solid. I was stroking the ball well on the greens and I just feel confident for tomorrow.

Q. You left University of Arkansas, you had a decision to make, you decided to stay amateur. You won the Latin America Amateur, got to play in the Masters. How tough a decision was that for you?

ALVARO ORTIZ: To be honest, I think it was a no-brainer. Joaquin did the same thing and it worked out for him, so I kind of wanted to follow in his footsteps. I missed Q-School a couple months before winning the LAAC, so winning the LAAC after that, it was really special.

Got to play the Masters, played well, made the cut, lost to Viktor by one stroke for the low amateur. I'm really happy how this year has been going and I hope to get this cherry on top of the cake.

Q. The golf course was very wet yesterday. With the winds today, has the golf course dried out a little bit?

ALVARO ORTIZ: Oh, yeah, definitely. For sure, the greens were much better today in the morning. I think all the staff of the course and the PGA TOUR staff have done a tremendous job, I take my hat off to them. I think the course is in great condition for how much rain we've had this week, and I hope it doesn't rain for the next couple hours and we can have a better course tomorrow.

Q. Obviously a lot of family here with both you and Carlos playing. Your father followed you today, your mother followed your brother. How did they decide that?

ALVARO ORTIZ: I think they actually felt like -- they followed like nine holes and then my dad was following my brother on the front nine. I saw him on 17 and then he walked the back nine with me. Then my mom walked the front nine with me and walked the back nine with Carlos. It alternates, so it was nice that my brother was just two groups ahead of me and they can see both of us.