

ROUND 2 INTERVIEW
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VIKTOR HOVLAND (-9)

Q. That 65 is the best round of the week on the South Course and you fought off rain, hail and wind to do so. How much freedom did you feel like you had in your game today?

VIKTOR HOVLAND: Yeah, felt really solid. Last couple weeks I've been in Oklahoma and it's been really cold, so I've had probably three, four layers on practicing and I think that's helped me for this week. It got really cold and obviously raining and hail, so being Norwegian, I think that also helps. Yeah, just played really solid and made some putts.

Q. In your practice and your preparation for this tournament, what did you feel about your game that was working so well?

VIKTOR HOVLAND: Yeah, I've been driving it really well, but I was not able to take advantage of that kind of the last few tournaments, struggled a little bit with double crossing my irons, and just on the greens, I just was not very proficient. But seemed to figure that out today at least and trying to keep that going. Yeah, my irons are feeling pretty good.

Q. Finally, when you put a round together like you did today under these conditions, how much momentum and confidence does that give you heading into the weekend?

VIKTOR HOVLAND: Yeah, I think especially playing a tough course like the South Course, you can't really fake it, especially in these conditions. Playing a hard golf course and then playing well, that I think is what gives me the ultimate kind of belief that I played really well today. You just can't really fake it. But it's another day tomorrow and we've got two more rounds left, so it's definitely not going to roll over and give anything to you.