

**CARLOS ORTIZ ( -10)**

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**Q. Carlos, given the conditions yesterday -- cold, wet, rainy -- how would you compare the two rounds, because it seems like that's the harder golf course, but they were probably both difficult.**

**CARLOS ORTIZ:** Yesterday was definitely tougher condition-wise. Today was a beautiful day, I don't think it gets any better than this anywhere. I took advantage of that, I hit the ball great and made a couple putts and when you do that it normally is a good outcome.

**Q. When you start the day where you started the day, do you even look at leaderboards until you get late in the round and do you just try to go out and post --**

**CARLOS ORTIZ:** I see the leaderboards, but I know it doesn't really matter. It doesn't really matter pretty much until the last nine holes. My goal is to be in contention going into the last round, last nine holes, and I think I'm going to have a good chance tomorrow.

**Q. Can you just walk us through the ninth hole? I think there was a chip-in behind the green?**

**CARLOS ORTIZ:** Oh, my God, I don't want to walk you through that. I mean, it was one of those holes that I hit it five times and I made 5. I hit it five times, I didn't putt it. I drove it right, then I had a terrible lie, tried to chip it out, didn't make it to the fairway. Then I couldn't really reach the green so I tried to lay up to what I thought was a good number, laid up to a terrible number. That pin is really hard, you can't have any spin coming into that hole, it's too much slope and the greens were too soft today.

I tried to knock down a wedge and hit it just a touch too hard, went over the green, left myself short-sided. Luckily we're playing with ball in hand today so I was able to put myself in a good spot. I hit a perfect chip shot. I mean, kind of almost like a flop shot, checked and made it. I mean, I feel like I played three holes in one hole, it was just exhausting hitting out of the rough.

**Q. Are you aggravated when you walk away from a hole like that or are you energized because you --**

**CARLOS ORTIZ:** I was really aggravated and I was really energized after making that chip. I don't know how to react. I was mad at the same time, but happy I made it. I don't know, it was just one of those holes that I'm glad I made 5.

**Q. How much more confident are you about yourself right now than you were, say, 18**

months ago?

**CARLOS ORTIZ:** Definitely more. I think I'm getting to know myself and I'm having a different perspective on the way I'm playing. I'm taking it easier, I'm trying to see the good things in everything, not only on the golf course. That makes it seem -- I just want to come out here, give my best. If my best is 78 or 66, that's okay, but as long as I give my best, that's all I'm trying to do here right now.