

ROUND 2 INTERVIEW
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CARLOS ORTIZ (-4)



Q. Carlos, 3 under today. Do you consider that like 6 or 8 under on a normal day?

CARLOS ORTIZ: Yeah, it was a tough day today, a lot of wind. It was just hard to know how far the ball was going to go, especially on these greens. I'm really happy with my round.

Q. Do you have a history of playing well in really challenging wind?

CARLOS ORTIZ: Yeah, I feel living in Texas, I've been there for 12 years, we only get windy or windy, so I definitely know how to play in the wind. I'm comfortable doing that. It was good today. It's nice when you start the round with a chip-in bunker, so, you know, I knew it was going to be a good day.

Q. What was the hardest part of the day?

CARLOS ORTIZ: Just staying patient. If you get just a little bit out of position, it's really hard to get -- you know, to make a big number. So I was just trying to get it back to where I knew I could have a chance of making par and I stayed patient out there.

Q. Did it feel like there were a lot of birdie holes out there?

CARLOS ORTIZ: Not really. Even the downwind holes were hard just to know how much the ball was going to go. It was kind of gusty. When it's constant wind, you can kind of guess, but with gust winds, you're guessing and trying to get lucky.

Q. Did you get lucky today a lot?

CARLOS ORTIZ: Yeah, and I played solid. So yeah, I got lucky a couple times and then I played pretty good.

Q. Long way away, but you went to the International Presidents Cup dinner the other night. How much does it encourage you to play so well on a course that will be hosting it?

CARLOS ORTIZ: A lot. You know, Trevor talked a lot to us and it was pretty inspiring the way he talked and definitely pumped me up. It's something I'm really looking forward to playing. I mean, I think playing good on this golf course helps.

Q. Do you check the wind forecast to see what it's like?

CARLOS ORTIZ: I do check beginning of the week kind of to see what kind of winds we're going to play all week. I knew yesterday was going to blow hard because guys were complaining that we got the bad draw, so I knew we were going to have tough conditions.

Q. When you know it's going to be super windy, does that affect your warmup at all?

CARLOS ORTIZ: No. I mean, you know it's going to be a tough day and try to hit it in the right spots.