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VIKTOR HOVLAND (-8)



Q. Viktor, how would you kind of assess the week as a whole?

VIKTOR HOVLAND: Yeah, it was good. I didn't really feel like I played amazing throughout the week. Certainly the last couple days were very good, shooting 7 under par for the weekend. I felt like the golf course was just getting tougher and tougher, so very happy with that. But I felt like I left a couple shots out there almost every day, so I'm pretty happy with the result again.

Q. What's that say about where your game is if you're finishing, you know, maybe a couple shots back that you're -- and you feel like you didn't even play that great?

VIKTOR HOVLAND: Yeah. I mean, got to look at the other side of the coin as well. I just remember the second day when it was really, really tough, I hit a lot of really bad shots that ended up a lot better than they might have ended up at. I got couple of fortunate bounces here and there, that certainly helped. But I do feel like just my everyday game is getting better and better and that's pretty exciting because then I don't feel like I need to step out here and play out of my mind to just have a chance to win a golf tournament.

Q. How high is your confidence kind of heading towards Kiawah in a couple weeks?

VIKTOR HOVLAND: Yeah, I wouldn't say it's -- I don't think I'll ever get to the point where I'll actually get to the golf course and just expect to win. You know, all I expect to do is kind of execute the shots. If I hit good putts and hit the chips that I was thinking I was going to hit, then we've just got to let -- yeah, let it just see how it goes and we'll take it from there. But this game is crazy and you can't really control too much.

Q. Do you also feel like how you grind and how you play the game, do you always feel like you're in it, that you're never maybe out of it? That even if you're a few shots back that you can inch your way up just because of the way you play?

VIKTOR HOVLAND: Yeah, that's been a part of the learning process. I just remember when I first came out here, if it was trying to make cuts or trying to finish in the top-10, it's like I would have a couple times maybe four or five shots behind the top-10, let's say, and then I just rattled off a bunch of birdies and I'm suddenly right there instead of kind of maybe thinking before that that, wow, four, five shots is so many shots, I can't really make that up. But if you catch a hot streak and you roll in some putts, I mean, a lot of things can happen. So I've kind of been telling myself that at the start of the week, bogey the first two holes, it's like I can play sweet and still have a chance.