

**ROUND 4 INTERVIEW
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CARLOS ORTIZ (-19)



Q. How proud are you of the way you played this week?

CARLOS ORTIZ: I'm really proud. It was a tough day. I couldn't really find anything on the front nine and I just kept pushing. The people, having them out here, all my friends, I just found a way to get something going. And it's funny how golf works, but once you hit that first shot that you see and how you want it, just clicks and I just find that confidence that I needed to finish strong.

Q. Was there a bit of nervousness going into this final round? Just what went into your start?

CARLOS ORTIZ: Yeah, 100 percent, I was a little bit tense but that's normal. I really want to put a good tournament, especially for all the people that come out to watch. I don't know, just couldn't get loose. I was tense, I couldn't really feel it and I don't know, something clicked on the back nine and I finally could feel my shots, I could see the shots I wanted to hit and the putts, they started dropping.

Q. What was it like playing in front of the Mexican gallery?

CARLOS ORTIZ: It was great. Even though there's no full crowds this week, it's great. I have a lot of friends that came to watch me and I'm just pleased that I was able to give them something to cheer for.

Q. And you're going into your title defense next week, is it good timing to be playing well going into Houston?

CARLOS ORTIZ: Yeah, I mean, it's always good timing to be playing well anywhere, not only to Houston. I'm excited about next week and obviously these two golf courses are some of my favorite, next week because it was my first win and this one is just a special one. I'm happy the way I'm playing and I'm excited about next week.