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ROUND 3 QUICK QUOTE
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CHRIS GOTTERUP (-18)



Q. Chris, 6 under in the third round. How was it out there today?

CHRIS GOTTERUP: Yeah, I mean, it was a good day. It was definitely a little bit trickier with the wind and I think I played a great round. Really just messed up on 14, but I really didn't even mess up, just a tough break. So yeah, good game plan and hopefully get after it tomorrow.

Q. You said it was windy conditions. Has this been the toughest it's played all week, or which day would you say has played the toughest?

CHRIS GOTTERUP: Definitely not the first day. Yeah, I mean, today's probably the toughest. If it didn't rain as hard as it did last night, it definitely would have been the toughest if it wasn't already.

Yeah, hopefully we don't get any weather and it will crisp up a little bit tomorrow. Yeah, I mean, there's definitely some good pins and I'm sure they saved a couple for tomorrow.

Q. How have you felt this whole week overall with your game, everything going on, how's it been?

CHRIS GOTTERUP: Yeah, I feel good. I've really -- I mean, to be honest, I've struggled a little bit this year with us being close and just not quite getting it done. A lot of T-25s aren't going to move you up the board. So I feel good this week.

My coach was in town. My brother's caddying for me and he's got a bunch of friends in Chicago. I do, too. So it's kind of nice, I feel I'm a little bit at home. Yeah, it's nice to be in a bigger city with some stuff going on around you. So yeah, definitely been a good week so far.

Q. Have you gotten to enjoy any of those things, like the bigger city stuff?

CHRIS GOTTERUP: Yeah, we went down to the Nike store on Tuesday in downtown, went down there and bought a couple things. Yeah, and we went to Wrigleyville and hung out there for a night. So yeah, nice to just do stuff other than golf.

Q. You mentioned kind of hanging around the T-25, T-30. Is there anything in



particular you can kind of pin it to? What's made you have that breakthrough this week?

CHRIS GOTTERUP: Probably my driver. I spent a lot of Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday hitting a lot of drivers on the range with my coach. And it's not like I've been far off, out here it's three shots a week and those add up quick. I've been close. And I think we've done some good work, so hopefully keep it going for tomorrow.

Q. Good round today to put yourself in contention for tomorrow. I guess what are you looking forward to about tomorrow and how does it feel being in this position?

CHRIS GOTTERUP: Yeah, nice to be back in the mix, been a little while. Yeah, it feels good. Nice to get the blood flowing a little bit when it really matters. Today was definitely a good feel of that with the guys around and some cameras in your face. Anytime you have cameras on you it's usually a good thing. Hopefully we get after it tomorrow.

Q. On the broadcast they said you have the Brooks Koepka shoulders. Do you agree with that?

CHRIS GOTTERUP: I mean, I did get "Brooks" a couple times last year on Tour when I was playing in those events. Yeah, I guess. I mean, he's probably in a little better shape than I am. Yeah, we've got a similar look, I guess.

Q. What have you learned from some of those earlier times this year where you've been in contention?

CHRIS GOTTERUP: I mean, I think it's no different than when we were in school, too. We had a lot of televised events and stuff like that. It's -- especially out here, you've got to go shoot -- I mean, on this course we're going to have to go shoot similar to what we shot today to have a chance. Just got to get in a good groove early and ride it. Just don't do anything that will throw you off that rhythm and just kind of keep sticking to the plan.

Q. What were you able to find working on your driver earlier in the week?

CHRIS GOTTERUP: I mean, we really were just tweaking some little adjustments with my alignment, and then the club, the way it sits. I feel like I've been really close and I feel like we were in a good setting now, so hopefully I can -- I mean, it's been a repeatable setting, which is good, which is what I've been looking for. I think I've got a good groove going right now.

