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ROUND 1 QUICK QUOTE
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CHRIS GOTTERUP (-6)

Q. Chris, 6 under to kick off the week. Just kind of talk us through your day of how it was playing here.

CHRIS GOTTERUP: Yeah, crazy day with the (inaudible) this morning and then we kept getting 20 minutes. You had to be ready and it was just kind of weird. Honestly, probably good for me because I got to settle down. I mean, it was a great day. Nothing else to say really. So many people that came out and watched, especially for an early tee time. Just a special day.

Q. So you mentioned it kind of helped you. Is that because it was you were ready to go and then you kind of calmed down a little bit?

CHRIS GOTTERUP: Yeah.

Q. How many times were you warmed up this morning?

CHRIS GOTTERUP: We probably had, we had like a 10 and then 30 and then like an hour or so. Just chilled for a little bit. Yeah, I mean, definitely got my like energy level down, which is probably good. Yeah, I definitely think it was good for me.

Q. Bogey free up until the 17th, but you rallied back with a birdie on 18. Walk us through 17 and 18, those closing holes.

CHRIS GOTTERUP: I mean, right now with the wind and rain, they were brutal. I had a 5-iron into 17, 490 into the wind uphill and it's (inaudible). Yeah, 18, just a really good shot in there and got the putt. I'll sign for 6 under here every time I play. Yeah, good momentum for sure, really nice to get off to a good start and hopefully keep going.

Q. How does it feel to have this event specifically be the last of the regular season of the Korn Ferry Tour?

CHRIS GOTTERUP: Yeah, I think it's a great cap off to the year. We're getting kind of unlucky with the rain a little bit this week. I think it's the best course we'll play all year. I mean, I've heard some guys who've been here for a while that it's the best the Korn Ferry's ever had. I feel good hearing that from guys because I think New Jersey golf is the best. Glad everyone's enjoying this week. Hopefully the weather kind of stays a little bit more relaxed for the rest of the week.



Q. In general, is playing for the home crowd added pressure or is it more relaxing? You kind of went through the same thing in Oklahoma, but it's different when it's kind of home base.

CHRIS GOTTERUP: Yeah, I was definitely nervous on the first tee today. If I hit one in the shit to start the day I would have been pissed. So yeah, I was happy to hit it in the fairway and get off to a good start.

This course requires a lot of patience and I think that keeps me in it more, for sure, the focus. Out here (inaudible). Obviously when you do something good, you also (inaudible). Yeah, it's great. It means a lot to have those people I've caddied for and played with forever and hung out with forever. Very cool.

Q. Yesterday you mentioned that the key for you this week is driving it well, keeping it in the fairway. Do you feel like you were able to do that today?

CHRIS GOTTERUP: Yeah. I really only hit one kind of really wayward drive, made a great par out of it. Yeah, if you can be in the fairway out here, especially lift, clean and place with how soft it is, you can get after it a little bit. But if you're not in the fairway, no matter how soft it is (inaudible) I did a good job of it today and hopefully keep it going.

Q. How was it having the family? I know your parents were out there, right? How was it having them watching?

CHRIS GOTTERUP: Yeah, it's good. They get out to a lot. My dad travels a lot for work so he sneaks his way into a lot of events. Yeah, all my buddies that live here and everyone from Rumson and here, Metedeconk and a couple other courses that we play at, yeah, this was nice. I don't get -- we're on the road so much that I don't get to see them much. I'm kind of just a phone buddy for them. I mean, they just text me all the time and I don't get to see them as much, so it's good to see everyone. We'll go hang out. We've had some people over at our house for the week, so we'll get it going a little bit tonight.

