

ROUND 1 QUICK QUOTES
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KRIS VENTURA (-7)



Q. Opening round 64, how would you assess your first round?

KRIS VENTURA: Very good actually. I think my ball-striking was really good today. Hardly any work for par. For the most part I put a lot of birdie opportunities. Bummer with the last hole but other than that really solid. Could have made some more birdies obviously but just happy where my game is.

Q. It's your first time seeing this course this week?

KRIS VENTURA: Yes.

Q. Now a round in, seeing lots of birdie opportunities, how do you attack it for the rest of the week?

KRIS VENTURA: Obviously just keep doing the same thing. I can't expect to hit it like this every single day, today was just one of those days where everything was spot on. I was hitting my spots and just managing my game really well.

There are some long holes out here so you just have to be a little more conservative, hit the middle of the green and make an easy par. Even on those holes today I had good looks for birdie. Just overall really happy and hopefully I can keep doing the same thing.

Q. You mentioned ball-striking. Is that an area of your game where you've been working on?

KRIS VENTURA: Yes, for the last two years worked really hard with my swing and it's gotten to a point where it's more consistent. Just happy that I'm hitting the shots that I want to hit and just not putting too much stress on myself throughout the round.

Q. Are you someone normally you're about feel or seeing results? Nice to see it come into play in competition? Are you kind of more results focused?

KRIS VENTURA: No, not really. I used to be, but now I'm more processed focused. I just want to make sure I do my routine good and just execute the shot, and then after that I'm happy either way if it's a bad shot or a good shot. If I've done what I'm supposed to do, I can live with it. Just keep doing the same thing, commit to the shots. There's some difficult holes out here, especially if it gets windy, so just knowing when to take risk and when to play more conservative.



Q. First time at Vidanta, so what's overall thoughts of the course and just even over at the hotel?

KRIS VENTURA: Really nice, everything has been perfect this week. The only thing is my hotel is like two minutes from the range but the first tee is like a 15-, 20-minute commute, so it's a little bit backwards this week.

Yeah, just a really cool spot, very relaxing. I've been here for almost six, seven days now. Yeah, just really good so far.

