

CHRIS GOTTERUP (-9)

Q. Chris, 9-under opening round, got to be super proud of that, right?

CHRIS GOTTERUP: Yeah, yeah, for sure. I mean, it's been a long time since I've had a 9-under round so it feels good to get that on the board and get a good start.

Q. Obviously looking ahead of this week, you know, over the last month were you kind of looking at this tournament being like, all right, I've been there before, I've had success, I know that I can turn it on there?

CHRIS GOTTERUP: I mean, realistically, no. I really -- I signed up after my round on Friday at Cognizant. Talked to -- because we have a big stretch coming up here and I was like do I really want to play seven in a row, but my agent called me and my dad talked to me and they said I think you should go down there and play, and I'm like yeah, let's do it. So I'm happy they told em to do that.

Yeah, it always feels good to come back to a place you've played well at, for sure.

Q. Obviously played well in the college event, won that, and then top-10 in your first start on Tour here. What about this course meshes with your game?

CHRIS GOTTERUP: It's a good question. I think you have some room on some holes so I can take advantage of a couple holes where you can hit driver over bunkers and whether it goes in the rough or not, it's still a great play for me. I like playing in the wind, it gets windy here in the afternoons.

I don't know, I see the greens well. I don't know other than that what the answer is, but I have a good feeling when I come down here.

Q. And then flipping the nines this year, do you think coming down the stretch, 17, 18 now, how do you think that will feel different compared to previous years?

CHRIS GOTTERUP: It will be different because of the two like hardest holes on the course now whereas before they would make old 17 drivable and you had 15, 16, 17, 18 all downwind were pretty easy holes. There will be drama but different types of drama, not as explosive, but you've got to hit some good shots coming down the stretch for sure with the nine flipped.