

ADVENTHEALTH CHAMPIONSHIP

ROUND 2 QUICK QUOTES

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ALVARO ORTIZ (-13)

Q. How did the course play today?

ALVARO ORTIZ: I want to say a little harder than yesterday, but (inaudible) today. It was windy conditions, I think the greens were a little bit softer than yesterday afternoon so that was nice, but overall I think it's playing quite hard compared to last year. Yeah, just really happy with the way I'm playing.

Q. Excellent. And first two rounds done, now you have the final two rounds ahead of you. What do you have to do to maintain the lead?

ALVARO ORTIZ: Just keep doing the same thing. I feel like I've been playing great golf the last couple of months and I think fairway rewards out here. So I'm going to tune up a little bit from the tee and I think that's it. I think I've been doing the rest of the game pretty well. Yeah, just got to keep doing what I've been doing the last couple months.

Q. What do you like about this stop?

ALVARO ORTIZ: Such a really cool city and also the golf course, I really like it. I love this style of golf course, traditional, tree lined, doglegs. It's not very long, just tight. It really rewards hitting a lot of fairways and a lot of greens. Yeah, it's a really nice stop on the calendar.

Q. The last tour event we played was in Tulum, in Mexico. What was it like being able to play in your home country?

ALVARO ORTIZ: It was nice, we don't get to do that often. I've done it twice this year so far, so that's really nice. I really like that golf course, too. I think Tulum Country Club is a really neat place, special. And I think the fact that we get to play golf courses like that is fun, too. You don't have to shoot a 20-plus under to win. Single digits won, right? I think Bryson won it with 9? Yeah, that tells you a lot about the golf course and the test that we saw last week.

Q. Did you have family and friends following you all week down there?

ALVARO ORTIZ: Yeah, I had both my parents and an uncle, so that was fun. That was fun to spend the week with them. They haven't been to many tournaments so it's always nice when they can come out here with me.

Q. And I understand the week off last week was a little special for you. Can you just tell us about last week, why having a week off last week was special?

ALVARO ORTIZ: Yeah, special because it was there in Cancun and I got to fly home, spend the time with the family and a lot of my friends. That was really nice, it was really nice. I really like going back home last couple of months especially, just get to see my family. My grandma just passed away last week so it was really nice to get to say goodbye to her. She was very old. I got to see her Thursday so that was really special, that was really special. I know she's here with me this week and hopefully I'll get it done on Sunday for her.

Q. Sorry for your loss. I understand you hadn't been home in like what, three, four years you said? That you hadn't been home, home for that long?

ALVARO ORTIZ: Yeah, since when we finished the season last year I got to go home for -- it was the first time I actually got to spend some time home in like three, four years, so that was really nice. And since then I've actually been going back more. It's really nice, it's really nice. I really miss it, but I know my time still over here, you know, got to grind, and my team is over here in the States. And I really like it, too, but I know eventually I'll go back home and be with my family, with my people.

Q. And something else we talked about earlier this year, over one of the long breaks you had a big ski trip. Can you just talk to us about how you got into skiing and how that became sort of an off-the-course love for you?

ALVARO ORTIZ: Well, we used to go skiing here and there when I was really young. I guess we started going when I was like 5, 4 maybe, I can't really remember, but we went here and there until I was like 13. Then when we started -- when I started playing golf very seriously we stopped going just because it's not the safest sport.

I actually got to go back after Chile and got to ski with my nieces and my family, so that was really nice. It was just something that I think outside sports, it's awesome. The outdoors, the snow, mountains, it makes you, I don't know, appreciate life a little more, so it's always good when you can mix it with sports.

Q. Who's the best skier in the family?

ALVARO ORTIZ: Man, I want to say me but I think it's my brother, Alex.

Q. What's your mindset going into the final two days? How's the course been playing? What do you think's going to change, if anything, the next two days? What do you need to do to try to keep the lead?

ALVARO ORTIZ: If anything changes, it might just get a little firmer, it might get a little faster. They might take the water away from the greens so that will make it more fun.

Honestly, just do the same thing, just hit the ball well. It really wears you out here, the rough makes it hard. But even though when I've hit the rough I've been really smart about it and I've done really good strategy with my caddie. And I think you've got to keep it humble when you go into the rough, it's not as easy. Honestly, yeah, if anything, it will get firm and faster so it's just more fun.