

ADVENTHEALTH CHAMPIONSHIP

ROUND 3 QUICK QUOTES

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ALVARO ORTIZ (-14)



Q. Alvaro, good round today to stay in the mix. Just walk me through some of the highlights of the round today.

ALVARO ORTIZ: Honestly, I think the highlights of my round probably were at the end. Great 2-iron on 17 to hit it on the green and two-putt for birdie there. That shot on 13, that was really nice coming off of bogey on 11 after I thought I hit two pretty good shots, ended up making a bogey. That birdie on 13 was really sweet, hadn't made a birdie the whole day and I hit that wedge to like a foot, so that was nice.

I think I hit the ball really well and I think I did hit a lot of good putts, they didn't drop. That's how golf is. I think I can tell you that I honestly played very similar golf to yesterday and shot 8 more today, that's how it goes.

Q. How's the course rounding into form this weekend as compared to the first two days out here?

ALVARO ORTIZ: I think it's firming up a little bit, it's definitely getting a little more crispy and that makes it a little more fun, makes it a little more of a strategy golf course. Like I said yesterday, I think hitting the fairways really rewards you. I did that today. I didn't take advantage of it but I know that's how it goes and I'll have a chance tomorrow. It's going to be fun.

Q. Starting the day's going to be looks like five shots back. Does anything change for you with that much ground to make up or is it the same mentality?

ALVARO ORTIZ: Maybe a little more aggressive at the beginning. Depends, depends how it goes. Mostly keep doing what I'm doing. I feel like I've been playing really good golf and just a matter of keep chasing him and taking some shots away until we get to the back nine. That's when the tournament starts. I think I've come back from five shots behind to win before, so can do it again.

Q. What do you think the toughest thing to do tomorrow's going to be?

ALVARO ORTIZ: Patience, I think more than anything. Just keeping yourself there. You never know, especially around this type of golf course, there's so many little holes out there that can be birdie, bogeys so quick. I think it doesn't matter if you don't take any shots away from S.H., just staying patient and believing that anything is possible, that's the key for

tomorrow.

Q. What do you think the easiest thing to do tomorrow will be?

ALVARO ORTIZ: The warmup, for sure. That will be the easiest thing.

Q. And you've been out here a couple years, second time back out here What would it mean for you to be able to win on this tour, which is the second or third best tour in the world depending on who you ask?

ALVARO ORTIZ: Yeah, I think at the end of the day I don't play this for the trophies, you know? It is sweet that when you do get to lift one, it sort of speaks about what kind of work you've been doing.

But I know inside myself that I've been doing the right stuff for a long time and opportunities like I have tomorrow, they just come by and sometimes they just happen to where you make it happen and you win. Out here is so competitive, there's so many good players that anybody can have a week and they can win or they can have a chance to win. I'm in one of those weeks, so I'll do the best I can do tomorrow and hopefully it goes my way.