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ALVARO ORTIZ (-21)

Q. Alvaro, 8-under 63 today. Just what was going smoothly out there?

ALVARO ORTIZ: I feel like everything, honestly. I played a great round from tee to green. I made a bunch of putts. I think I hit it pretty close in a couple of the stretches of the golf course and I took advantage of that. Yeah, really happy with the way I'm playing and with the opportunity to lift the trophy tomorrow.

Q. And shot 63 here last year, finished T-4. What does it feel like coming back to a place you capitalize on?

ALVARO ORTIZ: Yeah, it's really nice, it's really nice. I like this place, it's a fun track, it's in great condition. I think this year it's a little more fun than past year, a little firmer, so it makes it a little more exciting. I don't know, I guess it fits my eye.

Q. And you were leading a few weeks ago at AdventHealth and had those two back-to-back missed cuts. Just what does it feel like coming back out here? Can you gain some confidence back?

ALVARO ORTIZ: I guess the missed cuts happen. Honestly, I've been playing great golf the whole year and I feel like the U.S. Open did humble me a little bit, going to be honest. An incredible test. You know, I guess the doubt creeps in when you shoot 17 over for two days, but that's what golf is about, you know?

I feel great. I honestly, that's what it is, golf is all about patience, you know? Patience really rewards in this game and I feel like that's one thing I've been able to see. I've been very patient and just really happy that I have the opportunity tomorrow.

Q. And playing in those Tour events, does it really kind of gun you for that top-20 spot this season?

ALVARO ORTIZ: Yeah, for sure, it lights the flame a little higher, you know? If you get a taste of it, you want to be there. I guess everybody out here is trying to get there and this year's a little harder, but I know if I keep doing my thing and I keep playing the way I'm playing, I know I'll get that Tour card.

Q. First of all I wanted to ask, two days (inaudible) rain last night. How did the course

change for you with the rain?

ALVARO ORTIZ: Definitely I think my wave got lucky. The course was starting to get really firm. I don't know how much rain we got, but it was nice. We would be able to hit the wedges a little more aggressive trying to land it near the hole, that's nice. But honestly, today it was starting to get a little firmer so I think tomorrow will probably be back to normal. It will be fun.

Q. The crowd reaction when you made that long putt on 17, just take me through it.

ALVARO ORTIZ: Yeah, it was nice. I honestly don't put too much thought to it, but it's always nice to have people around and to cheer you. Makes a little more special. It was fun. I hear somebody yell some stuff in Spanish, made me laugh a little bit so that was nice. Also good to have some Mexican support.