

**ROUND 1 QUICK QUOTES**  
**February 12, 2026**



**CHRIS GOTTERUP ( -8)**

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**Q. Chris, opened with a 64, six consecutive birdies. Just talk about how today was for you.**

**CHRIS GOTTERUP:** Yeah, it was a good day. I felt like I managed my game well even when I wasn't in position A. On 10 I hit in the lip and had to punch out and made a nice par there. Felt like when I needed to, I put the pedal down. And then felt like I played well, you know, managing when I wasn't in position A as well, so it was a good day.

**Q. What's the longest birdie streak you've ever had in your career?**

**CHRIS GOTTERUP:** I don't know. I mean, I feel like I've probably gone at least six before, but if it is six, then it's six. I don't know.

I was kind of just, I was kind of just coasting along. You don't really realize it in the moment and then when you look up you're like wow, I'm 6 under through six, that's nice.

**Q. What did you do in Phoenix the week before? What was your last par in Phoenix?**

**CHRIS GOTTERUP:** Sixteen.

**Q. On 16 you made par?**

**CHRIS GOTTERUP:** Yeah. So nine, I guess nine in a row would be my streak. Yeah, nine's pretty good.

**Q. Tiger claimed a slam that way.**

**CHRIS GOTTERUP:** Yeah, yeah, we're good. I'm claim that, that's how that works.

**Q. Were you bummed by the par on 7?**

**CHRIS GOTTERUP:** No. I didn't hit a great shot there. We were laughing, we were laughing that it barely made it to the green so we were joking around. Yeah, I mean, it was a good start for sure.

**Q. How did you play the rest of the way?**

**CHRIS GOTTERUP:** I felt like I played good.



**Q. Just as good or --**

**CHRIS GOTTERUP:** I mean, I think you get two easier par 5s to start. I hit a couple good shots coming in. Obviously 18, didn't finish it off, but like 15, 16 relatively stress free all the way in, and 8, 9, 10 I kind of, you know, those are hard holes on the course, too. I mean, I feel like I played similar throughout the day.

**Q. When you -- the previous four times you played, Carmel Cup and with your dad, was it a day like this or did you have --**

**CHRIS GOTTERUP:** The day that we came out -- it's actually been pretty nice every time I've been here. Playing wise obviously the first couple days here were not the same. But yeah, we've been lucky so far and hopefully it stays this way.

**Q. We'll see you Saturday.**

**CHRIS GOTTERUP:** Yeah.

**Q. How much just was like club selection and everything different from what you had done Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday?**

**CHRIS GOTTERUP:** Honestly, I played -- we played nine holes at Spyglass and it was really firm on Tuesday, and obviously I don't think it's going to be that way now. I walked five holes, I walked 1, 2, 3 and 17, 18 Wednesday with a putter and a wedge. Like it was blowing 30 and different wind, so I was like I'm not even going to bother wasting my time with being out here, and obviously how soft the greens are. More of that was the focus of making sure I'm not ripping it off the green and landing it, trying to be disciplined with my distance control.

**Q. What were your clubs on 6?**

**CHRIS GOTTERUP:** I hit mini driver and 5-wood, yeah.

