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ALVARO ORTIZ

MODERATOR: Good afternoon. We welcome Alvaro Ortiz to the media center at the VidantaWorld Mexico Open, a sponsor exemption this week. He has recently earned his PGA Tour card for 2027.

Alvaro, you have built some great memories playing this event. This is going to be your fifth consecutive start at the VidantaWorld Mexico Open highlighted by a tie for 13 in 2024, which was your best PGA Tour performance to date.

What are your thoughts coming back here and having built those memories and trying to build a few more playing this week?

ALVARO ORTIZ: Definitely feels like playing at home out here. I grew up coming to Puerto Vallarta, to Vidanta basically my entire life. Grateful for Vidanta that they opened the door for me to come play this event. I really enjoy playing in front of my people. Really close to my hometown, really awesome. Really excited about this week and the golf course. I think what they did with the reroute was awesome. The new finishing holes, 15, 16, 17, 18 are going to be a good test and excited for this week. Going to do my best and hope it's a good one.

MODERATOR: As you prepare to begin your career as a PGA Tour member in 2027, how different is the approach to this week from past playing in this event?

ALVARO ORTIZ: Honestly, not really different. Same approach. I feel like that's going to be the key for next year. I know it can be flashy, all the new stuff, all the new resources as a PGA Tour player you can get access to, but I'm surrounded by a great team, by great people and all I have to do is continue to do the job that I've been doing, trying to become more efficient about it and I know the results will come.

MODERATOR: You're coming off a huge year on the Korn Ferry Tour, two victories on the points list to get your Tour card. It's been only 16 days since they gave you the card. You have had time to think, reflect. How have the last past two weeks letting this sink in?

ALVARO ORTIZ: It's been awesome. It's finally starting to sink in. Starting to plan a little bit of next year already, too. See how the weeks are going to look like, how the year's going to look like, all the sort of avenue that can happen, especially starting the guys that come out of the Korn Ferry we have to play the regular schedule, but potential the possible Signature Events could be in all this stuff.

Definitely feels really nice to have these two weeks at home. I just moved so it was really nice to kind of have some time in my new house, let myself rest for a little bit, too. It's really

nice.

MODERATOR: Right at the beginning you mentioned the changes in the routing of the golf course here at VidantaWorld. Give us a little bit more about your thoughts on what they did setting the course for this week.

ALVARO ORTIZ: Yeah, I think definitely they did a good job. I think hole 16's now No. 1, I think it's a bit of a better hole. They made it a little shorter, which is really nice. It's a good starting hole but right off the bat it's very interesting.

No. 2, it's a monster of a hole, it's a really good welcome to the golf course. No. 3, you have an easy opportunity which used to be 18. And then 4 which is a new addition, it's interesting, really hard, really complicated. Even though it's short it's quite a test.

Definitely the end I think is what's going to be quite incredible, no? You're going to have the par 5, which I think is 12, I think, and then the short par 4, 13, you have two birdie opportunities in a row there that are going to be awesome, but then after that it's getting from 14 to the clubhouse is going to be quite the test. They're the hardest holes in the whole golf course, and I think if I'm not wrong, I think No. 10, the old 10 which is now 16 which used to be the hardest on the whole PGA Tour statistically wise, so it's going to be good.

MODERATOR: So wrap up the English portion of this press conference, what's your goal for the week?

ALVARO ORTIZ: Honestly, just enjoy it. I have no expectations results wise. I've had a great year, I've been working really hard. A lot has happened in the last couple of months.

For me, this week, man, it's a bit of a gift. I'm going to play in front of my people with my family, with my loved ones here on a course that I already know in my country. It's hard to beat. I'm going to try to do my best and hopefully that's enough for me to be in contention for Sunday. That's all I have to kind of say about that.