

ROUND 2 INTERVIEW
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CARLOS ORTIZ (-7)

Q. Five under today, excellent round in some tough conditions, too. Just comment on your day.

CARLOS ORTIZ: It was a great day. I played good. I scrambled great at the end. Obviously the first seven holes I played it was real easy, it was real calm scoring conditions and I took advantage of that, and then after that I just grinded.

Q. You missed the cut here both your previous times that you played this tournament. What has been the difference so far through two rounds do you think?

CARLOS ORTIZ: Honestly, I've come here always been my fourth, fifth week and before I just, you know, I wouldn't hold up as good. Now it's still my fifth week and I'm just a little bit tougher than I was before. You know, I'm fighting through being tired.

Q. Missed the cut at the Greenbrier, but really solid play here to start the season these last three weeks. Just talk a little bit about that stretch.

CARLOS ORTIZ: I've been playing great. Even at the Greenbrier I played great. I think I made maybe two bogeys at the Greenbrier. I was just a little bit rusty from the four weeks I had off. But just been playing solid golf and I think it's showing off.

Q. For you amidst the tough weather conditions, you have to be very pleased with 5-under.

CARLOS ORTIZ: Yeah, I'm pretty happy the way I played. The first seven holes I played, it was playing real easy, straightforward, no wind. After the delay, it was a grind. I honestly had to get up and over from pretty much everywhere, but I'm really pleased the way I played.

Q. You know, it's funny to hear you say it was a grind. Every shot is really tough, isn't it?

CARLOS ORTIZ: Yeah. I mean, even the downwind holes it's hard to judge how much the ball is going to fly or if it's going to get knocked down. Definitely you have to be paying attention to every single shot. Even the putts are hard. You get a little bit of a gust and you can look like a clown out there. It happened to Scottie on 18, he had like a 10-footer and left it three feet short because he caught a gust, so it can just happen out there.

Q. When you get weather conditions like this where it's really cold and windy, does

that affect you, because you're kind of a skinny guy?

CARLOS ORTIZ: It used to affect me more. Now I just know it's going to, you know, it's going to be tough out there and I just try to just let it happen. There's going to be holes where you can make bogey, it's okay. Like 18 I made a great par, it feels like a birdie, and there's other holes where you're going to be downwind and you're going to have a short club and you're going to have a chance to attack.

Q. I've been with you now at Sanderson Farms and some other places where you've been awfully close and now you have another opportunity this weekend.

CARLOS ORTIZ: I've been playing great. The whole goal is to give myself a chance on Sunday and I think I'm in a good spot right now, so just keep it going.