

**ROUND 3 INTERVIEW**  
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**KRISTOFFER VENTURA ( -15)**

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**Q. Kris, off to a great start today, man. Really solid playing today.**

**KRISTOFFER VENTURA:** Yeah, obviously started off really well, everything was going in and kind of hit the brakes a little bit with a couple bogeys. It was unfortunate, but it was nice to finish with a birdie and overall pretty happy with the day.

**Q. You get going on a golf course like this, you know the finish with a couple of par 5s, a short par 4, but talk about 17. That is one of the trickiest little holes, it's the fourth hardest hole on the golf course today and it's 370.**

**KRISTOFFER VENTURA:** Yeah, you've obviously got to hit the fairway and if you don't, it's going to be really tough. So I was able to do that and from there that pin today was pretty tough, so I just played middle of the green and kind of banked on spinning it back somewhere close to the hole and that's what I did. Unfortunately, I missed the putt, but it's probably one of the better short holes that we play out here, for sure.

**Q. The teammates that you played with at school, everybody knows them, it's obvious that you're going, "These guys can do it, I played with them, I'm as good as them." I mean, it's the confidence you've got to feel, like I can get this done also?**

**KRISTOFFER VENTURA:** Yeah, I get asked this all the time, do you know Matt or Viktor, so it's nothing new. But it's just more motivation. Obviously they've proven they can win out here and hopefully I'll get the next one, but if anything, there's no jealousy or anything, it's just motivation.

**Q. Did you feel a round like today coming?**

**KRISTOFFER VENTURA:** I mean, yes and no. It's just I didn't really hit it very good yesterday and I was able -- I scored really well, so I went to the range after the round yesterday and today the game was a lot better. I was due for a really low one and unfortunately that didn't happen. It was looking good for a while.

**Q. Did you start seeing on the leaderboard that you had the lead and stuff like that?**

**KRISTOFFER VENTURA:** You know, maybe on the back nine. No, actually on 9 after I made that chip for eagle, I saw that I took the lead and I told my brother, hey, like it's pretty cool, that's the first time I ever led in a PGA TOUR tournament and kind of marked that off, I guess if you want to call it that. It's just cool. Everything is set up for us to perform and today was a really good day.

**Q. Is your brother here as a spectator?**

**KRISTOFFER VENTURA:** No, he's caddying for me.

**Q. How long has he done that?**

**KRISTOFFER VENTURA:** Since the restart, so probably, I don't know, eight tournaments maybe. Some on the Korn Ferry and some out here. Yeah, it's been a blessing. It's just really fun to have him travel with me and obviously to share all these cool moments together.

**Q. What do you think you need to do tomorrow to finally get a win?**

**KRISTOFFER VENTURA:** Yeah, hey, it's just, you know, basically the cliche, you have to play good and shoot a really low one because this course is very gettable and the scores prove that. I think just obviously be aggressive and not be scared of getting too many under par and start trying to, you know, cozy it in or safe it. So yeah, just be aggressive and play like I did today and yesterday.

**Q. Do you think you can take anything from the experience of winning on the Korn Ferry Tour?**

**KRISTOFFER VENTURA:** For sure. I mean, obviously the stakes are higher here, but yeah, it's the same feelings. You really want to win and perform and beat everyone. When you get to do that, it doesn't happen too often, but when you get to do that it's one of the best feelings, so I think that's what everyone craves out here.

**Q. How many languages do you speak?**

**KRISTOFFER VENTURA:** Three, I speak Norwegian, Spanish and English.

**Q. Which do you speak the most?**

**KRISTOFFER VENTURA:** Probably Norwegian and Spanish. Spanish with my dad and Norwegian with my brothers. It just depends. If we start speaking Spanish, we'll just keep speaking Spanish, or if we start speaking Norwegian, we just keep speaking Norwegian.

**Q. When he's caddying and you're --**

**KRISTOFFER VENTURA:** Norwegian, yeah. Unless we're playing with a guy that speaks Spanish, we'll just kind of change it up a little bit.

**Q. (Inaudible)**

**KRISTOFFER VENTURA:** What club?

**Q. Yeah.**

**KRISTOFFER VENTURA:** It was a gap wedge.

**Q. Any other big highlights for you or shots that --**

**KRISTOFFER VENTURA:** Just pretty solid. The putter was working very well the first however many holes, maybe 10, 11. The greens are pure and I'm a good putter, so it's just kind of, it's a perfect match. Hopefully tomorrow I can keep the putter going because that's what you need to win or finish high. I think just yeah, probably just the putting and obviously a chip-in is a good one to have.