

ROUND 3 INTERVIEW
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CARLOS ORTIZ (-8)

Q. Carlos, so many moments, but I thought a big moment for you was your approach into the par-5 16th hole. I thought you easily could have laid up, but you stuck the landing and even gave a high-five out there.

CARLOS ORTIZ: Yeah, I mean, that 16th hole is not an easy second shot. You know, having a 4-iron in your hand is hard to lay up. I had the whole green. We took enough club, we were not actually looking at the pin. We took enough club to cover the right side and I mean, it's a pretty wide green if you do that. We took our medicine and we just had to two-putt from like 60 feet down the hill. Overall I'm just happy the way I played today.

Q. You've got to have so much discipline out there, there are bogeys that are going to be made, you fell behind a little bit early. How did you maintain your patience?

CARLOS ORTIZ: How you said it, it's a tough golf course. If you get out of position, you're going to be fighting to make par. You need to know that you can push it when you're out of position, I think I did that great today. Every time I was out of position I put myself in a position where at worst you're going to have a good look for par. I made most of my putts. I think I'm looking great for tomorrow. I just have to hit a few more fairways and I'll be in a great shape.

Q. What happened to your foot out there? You sat down, took off the shoe and sock.

CARLOS ORTIZ: I have a huge blister on my heel and it kind of popped on 11, so I'm just going to put some tape for tomorrow. It was just hurting. It's fine, it's just a blister.

Q. What have you done to avoid the really big numbers around here this week?

CARLOS ORTIZ: Just how I said, I think the golf course, it's really easy to get out of position and when you're there, you have to think two steps ahead, try to put it where worst you're going to have a good look for par instead of trying to push it, because once you push it with these greens -- I don't know if you guys have seen them, but they're pretty undulated and they all fall off, so if you start pushing it, it's easy to hit it or go over or to the side and you're going to have a hard time putting it again on the green. I think I've taken my medicine especially today, and I honestly didn't hit that many fairways and I still was able to save some good pars thinking that way.

Q. What do you feel like you need to do tomorrow to get that win?

CARLOS ORTIZ: I think I have to hit fairways. I haven't hit that many fairways the last two

days. I've grinded my ass off to be where I am. I think if I can hit it in the fairway, I can hit it close.

Q. Can you talk about -- you went to North Texas, you're in the state of Texas -- the support around here for you?

CARLOS ORTIZ: It's great, the people here are unbelievable. There's a lot of Latin people supporting and also Texas people. Texas is my second home state, I'm like a TexMex now. I've been here 12 years, I enjoy it, I love it here and I feel like home.