

**ALVARO ORTIZ (-5)**

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**Q. Two rounds to go, but made the cut. What's it mean just to make the cut here at Vidanta to give yourself a chance on the weekend?**

**ALVARO ORTIZ:** Super excited. It means a lot to me to finally make a cut. I've missed a couple in a row on the Korn Ferry. Just feels good to be on the weekend again. I think I'm playing good golf. I've been working hard. My game is starting to feel where I think it should be and I'm just super excited to get this chance and, you know, make a good weekend and maybe a top-10 and go from here to Potomac I think is where the Tour goes.

**Q. What changed in your game from the last couple missed cuts on the Korn Ferry Tour? What's been better?**

**ALVARO ORTIZ:** To be honest, I don't think much. Sometimes golf is like that. It's just a matter of sinking one or two more putts, making a couple more good swings. That's what it's been this week truly. I feel like I've been playing good golf for the last month and finally I feel like I'm starting to get some results, but I think it's just a matter of staying patient and staying positive, because I've been working hard. I think I've been doing the right stuff and it's just a matter of time.

**Q. Is part of that the level of competition is so close between the PGA Tour and the Korn Ferry Tour?**

**ALVARO ORTIZ:** Definitely. You'll see guys out there on the Korn Ferry where they're for sure ready for this tour and I think they've been more than ready for a couple years, just out there is hard. Everybody out there is so talented, so good and I feel like every single year it's just getting harder and harder and harder. You see these kids coming out of college bombing it 330 down the fairway and they're not afraid of anything. At the same time there's some guy 40 or I don't know how old they are and I don't think they should be there almost like that, but they're unbelievable, they're great golfers and that's why they're there. Some of them, I think they already locked up their card for the Tour, they're close to it. I think that's the beautiful part of the game, golf just doesn't matter how old you are or what part of your life you're at. I mean, it can give you like an opportunity to do something incredible.

**Q. What's been your favorite moment of the week so far?**

**ALVARO ORTIZ:** Just the whole week overall. I enjoy when my whole family's together. We don't get to be all five, the original five and now Haley, my brother's wife, and the nieces, but it's so weird when everybody's together and living here for a couple days. It's awesome for us, just the fact it makes my week.