

ROUND 1 QUICK QUOTES
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CHRIS GOTTERUP (-8)



Q. Eight under for the day, how did you feel about your opening round?

CHRIS GOTTERUP: Yeah, great. I felt like it was, you know, I was just trying to get the round started. I got off to a nice start on 2 and 3, really felt like I just, you know, I took what was given and obviously picked up a couple that were unexpected. Yeah, on 18 to finish with a par like that is always a good momentum saver.

Q. I don't know if it was your words or media saying you were on a heater. Does that feel like it's still continuing?

CHRIS GOTTERUP: Yeah, someone asked me last week if you've ever been on a heater and I said I guess this is kind of my first one. Yeah, you know, I'm just going to try to ride it out as long as I can. I feel like I've been playing well and yeah, just trying to do what I can to keep the ball in front of me and just really try to play the golf course the right way.

Q. Did you notice a difference in the crowds and fan support compared to the last time you were in the U.S.?

CHRIS GOTTERUP: Yeah, it's definitely been different. It helps to be playing with Wyndham and Adam, too. Yeah, a lot more congrats on the last couple weeks. Yeah, it's nice to have a little recognition. Obviously keeping up the good play helps with that as well.

Q. Do you feel like you've hit a new tier of your career? Do things feel different than they were a few weeks ago?

CHRIS GOTTERUP: I don't know. It hasn't -- you know, I would say a little bit, but it hasn't quite hit really. I feel like I've been playing so much over the last couple weeks that it's just been kind of onto the next one. Really just trying to focus on the tournament. Yeah, it's nice to be playing in the feature groups, means I'm doing something right.

Q. What were the effects of the travel do you think?

CHRIS GOTTERUP: A lot. I feel like today is the first day I've like slept in, like slept in until 7:00. Really just trying to conserve my energy the best I can. We had a little bit of travel issues getting over here. Yeah, it's been -- the travel part's been hard, but all good problems to have.

Q. Are you at liberty to discuss what those travel issues were?



CHRIS GOTTERUP: We just had -- we had a flight that got canceled. We were supposed to leave Sunday night and we didn't take off in time, so we had to wait until 3:00 the next day. You know, I would have liked to have gotten out of there sooner, but there's nothing we could do about that. Just stuff like that, the stuff you have no control over there. You just try to hang in there the best you can.

Q. What about the dramatic change from the links style course to the traditional course?

CHRIS GOTTERUP: Yeah, definitely a little bit of an adjustment with how soft it was too with all the rain yesterday. I feel like I did a good job of it. And you're just trying to pay attention, I was watching Adam's shots and watching Wyndham's shots, seeing how they're reacting, just trying to take as much information in as I can, but I feel like I did a good job of keeping it together.

Q. How much gas do you have left in the tank?

CHRIS GOTTERUP: Enough for this week, and then probably going to need to recharge.

Q. (No microphone.)

CHRIS GOTTERUP: Yeah, I've been trying to -- I've been working with my physio a bunch and just making sure my body's in a good spot. Been trying to ice bath and been trying to just be on the couch. Been trying to -- try to get in the gym a little bit and just keep my energy up. Yeah, a lot of just ice bath recovery stuff and just trying to be in good enough shape for the week.

Q. (No microphone.)

CHRIS GOTTERUP: I don't know if -- I don't know if I'll watch that or not yet, I might save it for when I have an off week. Yeah, I mean, I usually don't watch too much TV and movies when we're on the road, and by the time I get home I don't have the capacity to watch a movie.

Q. Had you played with Adam Scott before?

CHRIS GOTTERUP: Yeah, yeah.

Q. Did you grow up being a fan of his?

CHRIS GOTTERUP: Yeah. I mean, I grew up watching the game a little bit, but I honestly don't watch much golf, and when I was a kid -- my dad, my dad watches it a lot, so it's on in the house but I'm not sitting there watching much.

Q. How did he do in the Pine Valley member-guest?



CHRIS GOTTERUP: He did good. I think they lost in the final, but he did good though. It was fun.

