

LIV Golf Hong Kong

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Hong Kong Golf Club at Fanling

Dean Burmester

Southern Guard GC

Carlos Ortiz

Torque GC

TV Quick Quotes



Q. Carlos, after a scratchy start like that, how tough is it to say patient on a course like this knowing that there's birdies everywhere?

CARLOS ORTIZ: I mean, it is what it is. I had a tough start. I just tried to do my best. I kept doing that. It was similar to yesterday and I know there's a lot of birdies on the back nine, so I just had to get through that rough patch.

Q. Andres said you're really grinding this week. Not just on the course but off the course practicing, as well. Is there more motivation right now, or are you just working on something?

CARLOS ORTIZ: I'm working on the swing. I need to get some of that grinding. Getting used to my swing and the feels, and I'm very pleased the way it's looking. Still have to get used to it, and it's uncomfortable sometimes, but it's part of it.

Q. Dean, does something click in your mind sometimes and the confidence just get really high? Every once in a while your swing just looks like it's right where it needs to be and it happens mid-round.

DEAN BURMESTER: Yeah, I don't know. Today I woke up a little stiff. I slept a bit funny, which is weird, and worked hard in the physio bed and came straight back after the wait for the first tee and managed to get my physio out there, and that made a massive difference. Got a little bit of work done on 4 tee and then I was away.

But I feel like I've been swinging it nicely for a while. I do tend to try and hit it a little too hard at times, and that's when I get out of rhythm and out of sync. But when I get to a golf course like this, I love it so much because you don't have to hit it that far. You've just got to position your ball right. Obviously my distance does help every now and again, but it's all about positional play and second shots.

Q. You're a natural born entertainer, a very laid-back guy personality wise, but inside an intense competitor. What do you tell yourself when you get into a position like this with two rounds to play?

DEAN BURMESTER: I just hang in there. I'm going to say this because I said it quite a few times today: You've just hang around like a bad fart. That's how golf is. You've just got to hang around there, and it's like a bad smell. You never know when it's your time to win. It's hard to win, so as long as you've got a chance, that's all you want.

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