

# Sony Open in Hawaii

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Waialae Country Club

## Chris Gotterup

### Quick Quotes

THE MODERATOR: Chris, 7-under 63 to start here at the Sony Open. Just tell us about your round and what was going well.

CHRIS GOTTERUP: Yeah, I mean right out of the gate got off to a good start. Really didn't have too many stressful moments out there. Pretty clean round, and, yeah, great start to the season.

**Q. How did you feel about your game coming into this week?**

CHRIS GOTTERUP: Yeah, I made a move this offseason down to Florida for hopefully reasons like this. Feel like my game is in better shape just because I've been putting in more work at home.

Yeah, it's been -- me and my caddie were joking that playing TGL the last couple weeks has definitely helped me get ready for feeling some juice, and then playing in Grant Thornton and the Bahamas. I've played a decent amount the last couple weeks and months.

Yeah, I feel like I'm in a pretty good spot.

**Q. What led to the decision to move to Florida?**

CHRIS GOTTERUP: You know, I felt like the last couple years I started the tournaments really rough out of the gate. I loved living in Oklahoma, but 40 degrees and 40 mile an hour winds in December is not ideal for coming to Palm Springs or Hawai'i. So I just figured that was the smart move to make. One round through it looks good.

Yeah, it's tough leaving a place you call home for a little while. Yeah, got a new home now.

**Q. What's your mindset going into tomorrow?**

CHRIS GOTTERUP: I think this weekend is going to get a little interesting with some wind and just really going to hang in there, try to hold my spot the best I can, and, yeah, just try to get off to a good start.



It's a long season ahead and just trying to get off to a good start in week and stay in the mix.

Obviously good round today so I feel like I'm in a good spot. Yeah, just kind of keep it rolling.

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