

**MAVERICK McNEALY ( -8)**

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**Q. Maverick, how would you assess your round out there today?**

**MAVERICK McNEALY:** My round today was pretty sloppy tee to green and then I fought really hard when I got close to the putting surface. Very comfortable on poa annua and bluegrass, bentgrass, all this mix we see around here, it's stuff I grew up on on the west coast. And I'm excited that if I can start to hit a few more greens, then I can shoot low scores.

**Q. What's it like playing in and around Detroit this week? First sporting event in this town in over three months. Just kind of the feeling of playing in a place where there hasn't been a sporting event for so long?**

**MAVERICK McNEALY:** Detroit's a great sporting town. I grew up a Sharks fan and we always had a great rivalry with the Detroit Redwings and Hockey Town USA.

It's really special to come here, too, because my dad grew up here in Detroit and my grandpa worked for American Motors. my three brothers and I are all named after American cars actually because of the Detroit connection. It's fun thinking back the last time I was here was when my dad caddied for me at the U.S. Amateur at Oakland Hills a couple years ago.

**Q. Let's go back on that story a little bit. Just discuss that, the fact that you guys are all named after American cars and your love of cars in your family.**

**MAVERICK McNEALY:** Our family all drives American cars. I've got my mom's old Ford Explorer and we have two Explorers and two F-150s in the family right now between my brothers and I. It's special.

And like I said, my grandpa worked for American Motors and this is my dad's stomping grounds when he grew up. It's pretty cool. My second brother is now working for Autonomic, which is Ford's cloud computing capability. Just finishing up his computer science degree at Stanford. a lot of motor city connections with our family.

**Q. Special to play in a town where your dad grew up?**

**MAVERICK McNEALY:** It is, for sure. He was the junior club champion at Orchard Lake Country Club back in the day and I think sailing champion as well. It was really cool, he showed me around town when we were here a couple years ago. He grew up in Bloomfield Hills and I've been rattling off the street names to him as I'm driving back to the hotel and he knows all of them.