

**ROUND 2 INTERVIEW**  
**May 6, 2022**

**DENNY McCARTHY (-6)**



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**Q. Denny, even though you've played here a handful of times, I imagine never in conditions quite like this. How do you feel you managed your round in the rain and all the elements?**

**DENNY McCARTHY:** I managed it really well. Got really cold out there. It was nasty, wind was switching, rain on and off. It's tough when you're walking up hills trying to get ready, you're trying to catch your breath, just a lot of things going on. I thought my caddie and I, Derek, we did a really good job today of kind of taking each shot with the same importance all day. Yeah, I think this is where kind of my prep Sunday through Wednesday really helped. I didn't have my best stuff today at all. I didn't really hit it that great, but I put it in the right spots to let myself get it up and down, manageable up-and-downs, and I had a nice putter for most of the day. Hung in there and just shooting under par today feels pretty good since I didn't have my best stuff.

**Q. Is it difficult to stay focused when you're wiping your clubs like 10 times trying to get them dry and your ball's muddy and all that kind of stuff going on?**

**DENNY McCARTHY:** It's the things you have to do to get ready for each shot. Sometimes it can take a minute or two, but that's just part of playing in tough conditions like that. You've got to take some time here and there. Like I said, it was tough. It's just a hilly golf course, too, so you're trying to catch your breath. Just a lot of things going on, but we managed it pretty well today.

**Q. Four back going into the weekend. Do you feel like you've got to go a little bit low to give Jason a run with the weather coming especially?**

**DENNY McCARTHY:** We'll see how it plays tomorrow. Seems like it could be somewhat of a similar day today, maybe even a little colder, maybe a little windier, which today was a good test run for that. I'm prepared to play either way. If it somehow turns out to be nice, might need to make some birdies. If it gets nastier than this, I can hang in there and play the par game, too.

**Q. Are you letting yourself think about winning a tournament in your hometown?**

**DENNY McCARTHY:** No, no, I'm not. Yeah, obviously that would be great, but I'm in such a good mindset on the course right now where I think once I get on the course, even today was -- even though today was nasty, it's still fun being in this position where I know I'm towards the top of the lead and I feel comfortable doing it. So I'm excited for the weekend.

**Q. There was one hole, I think it was 13, where you were driving the ball and your left foot gave out and then your right foot and the club went (indiscernible) and the ball still landed in the fairway. Can you kind of take us through that?**

**DENNY McCARTHY:** Yeah, I tend to slip every now and then. My feet like to get happy from time to time. Yeah, my left foot likes to do a little toe tap and it slipped there and I was able to -- fortunately I'm pretty good, I'm experienced with slipping and still being able to make solid contact, and fortunately I did that there.