

ROUND 2 QUOTES

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MATTHIS BESARD (-14)



Q. Matthis, in with a 63 today, 9 under, bogey free, pretty special round gets you right in the lead right now. Just talk about that round a little bit today.

MATTHIS BESARD: Yeah, it was pretty solid. It feels good to be playing back in the U.S. I came to college here for five years, so yeah, I was just happy to be here. I think with that mindset, just enjoy playing good golf.

Obviously the scores are quite low, the course is gettable, but I think I just took care of the easy holes and dropped a few putts that were unexpected and that's how you shoot 63. So very happy.

Q. You mentioned college, University of Illinois, there's a strong Belgian connection there. Is that sort of how you ended up there?

MATTHIS BESARD: Yeah, I actually went four years first to Southern Illinois, Carbondale, and just got better there over the years under Coach Fetcho.

Then had the opportunity to go under Coach Small my fifth year and followed the Belgian pipeline there. Yeah, my fifth year was amazing and just my college experience in general was very, very good.

Q. And coming in here you actually had some pretty good form, I believe you had an ace last week at the BMW. Just talk about that and obviously a top-10 finish there.

MATTHIS BESARD: Golf's being golf for me right now. I think I haven't had the best year in the beginning, missed a bunch of cuts in the beginning of the year. Just kept grinding, kept doing my best, and then the last year -- last week at least I had a good finish and kind of building off of that momentum. So things are falling a bit in place for me right now and I'm just excited to go out tomorrow and confirm.

Q. What did you do particularly well today that you felt was really strong?

MATTHIS BESARD: I think I just stayed in the moment quite well. I think it's a cliché, but I think I just copy and pace. I think I just picked good targets and hit good shots and I think like to a tucked left pin, if you pull one and you happen to hit it close, that's how you make a birdie on an unexpected hole. I think I just took care of the par 5s on the easy holes and I think that's what I did particularly well today and I'm looking to do that on the weekend.

Q. Was there a particular shot that was a highlight for you today that really sort of



kept your momentum a little bit?

MATTHIS BESARD: I just think maybe my putt on 2. I think I holed a 35-, 40-footer on 2. Kind of pulled it left. It's not a putt you expect to make. Yeah, just dripped it in and that gives you two birdies in a row to start off the round and that just kind of gives you momentum to put a good score together. So yeah, I think that would probably be the highlight of my round.

