

## Price Cutter Charity Championship presented by Dr Pepper

### ROUND 3 QUOTES

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**MATT McCARTY** (-19)



**Q. Matt, 7-under 65, second of the week. What's been working well for you out at this course this week?**

**MATT McCARTY:** I mean, hitting it really well, but just kind of, you know, played really well last week, so just kind of more of the same. Yeah, just hitting my spots, you know, keeping it in front of me, kind of limiting mistakes out here is big. I think everyone's going to have a lot of birdie chances. Yeah, just kind of staying within myself and just taking opportunities when they come.

**Q. You mentioned your play. You played well all year, but seems like after that week off, last two weeks now you've been playing really well. Has anything changed for you through that stretch?**

**MATT McCARTY:** I mean, taking a few days off always helps. First stretch out here in the summer gets a little long for us. Only played golf a couple times that week. It's nice to play some fun rounds when we're out here grinding all the time. Yeah, I mean, just, you know, kind of been playing a lot of good golf, kind of nice just to reset sometimes, just refocus a little bit.

**Q. Second week in a row now after 54 holes you find yourself at the top heading to Sunday. Last week didn't quite go the way you wanted. Is there a feeling of kind of redemption this week or getting another crack at it?**

**MATT McCARTY:** Yeah, redemption, I told Daws walking up 18 last week I wanted -- you know, we'll be back, so seven days later in the same spot, which is good. It's a little easier to probably chase down people on this course, so we'll see if I even have the lead when I tee off tomorrow.

Yeah, no, it's been good. Just like keep doing what I'm doing. Like I'm playing good golf, keep my head down and good things are going to happen. Try not to force it out there tomorrow, and yeah.

**Q. Did you take anything away from last week?**

**MATT McCARTY:** I mean, yeah, like tough day obviously, but I mean, you just learn a lot. It's nice, it was my first time in this position so to kind of be back there again, felt a lot more comfortable out there today because of it, so hopefully tomorrow more of the same. But



yeah, I mean, just been playing good, so just keep trusting myself and just keep, you know, got to go out and, you know, shoot a good one tomorrow out here obviously, but yeah.

**Q. What do you think's been the core for like your consistency this season, last two weeks specifically that keeps giving you these cracks at it this season?**

**MATT McCARTY:** Yeah, I mean, I think just a lot of like being my third year out here, knowing the courses. Like I've grown a lot the last couple years. All these experiences kind of add up. I think I've been playing well all year, kind of some ups and downs but haven't been finishing off tournaments great. So hopefully we can kind of change that tomorrow.

Yeah, I mean, just, you know, gained a little bit of distance every year, kind of feel more comfortable, just not like, you know, understanding that, you know, good golf isn't always perfect golf, allowing yourself to make some mistakes. Yeah, just taking advantage of each opportunity and kind of the spot that we're in.

**Q. Matt, you've got a couple of -- a birdie on the first hole, and then on 8 another birdie, able to stay consistent. Talk a little about -- you were talking about taking the opportunity to try to score to get those birdies. Just after 8 you were kind of right up at the top.**

**MATT McCARTY:** Yeah, I mean, I actually missed a putt on the first hole and then, you know, rattled off four in a row. A lot of like good numbers out there today, which is always nice. Like a lot of full swings, hit 'em close and, you know, just kind of like, you know, when you make one, you know, you've got to make two, three, four out here. So just really kind of doing that and keeping the pedal down.

**Q. What about on 18, just the momentum going into tomorrow, is that going to take anything away from you?**

**MATT McCARTY:** No, it's like I hit a good drive just like in the rough. I've been struggling in that kind of first cut out here, like it either sits up or down. Just hit it a little hot on the face, kind of a tough lie there. You know, nothing crazy. Better than hitting in the water, yeah.

**Q. Matt, even though you haven't won this season, golf always talks about players learning how to win. Is it mental, is it physical, like where is the happy medium about learning how to win and controlling your emotions down the stretch like you've been able to do?**

**MATT McCARTY:** Yeah, I think it's a little bit of both. I think my first year out here my best finish was kind of like a backdoor, like not really in contention. A couple times, maybe once or twice last year, and this year is probably like my fourth or fifth time having like a good chance on Sunday. Kind of all like really adds up and just keep putting myself in these spots is great. Would be really nice to get one done, but just like having fun and just like keeping it light out here knowing that you don't have to -- obviously there's like a lot on the line for us,



but it's a long season and each week you just kind of take it as a new one. I think I did really good this week coming off last week of, you know, feeling like I was playing good golf and kind of just keep it going. So more of the same tomorrow.

