

Price Cutter Charity Championship presented by Dr Pepper

ROUND 4 QUOTES

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MATT McCARTY (-25)

Q. Matt, with this win you punch your ticket to the PGA TOUR. Does it feel real? What's your initial thoughts?

MATT McCARTY: Not yet. I mean, it feels really good especially after last week. Just played great out there all week and really solid today, last week as well. It's been kind of an up-and-down season for me, it's great to finally get one and take advantage of the day. It was awesome.

Q. You said last week to Das that you'll have another shot at it. Did you think that it was going to come this week, that seven days later you'd be holding the trophy?

MATT McCARTY: I mean, I was playing probably some of the best golf I ever played, so I was hoping it would come this quick, but I think that was a big thing, I didn't want to put too much pressure on myself kind of like I did last week. Just really like stay within myself and just know that keep doing good things, keep doing kind of what I do and good things will happen.

Q. This is your third season out here now and you're going to the PGA TOUR. How have you grown over your time out here and what did you see change the most in your game?

MATT McCARTY: I mean, a lot, like every aspect I've grown. I mean, just in how kind of, you know, simple things from traveling and learning how to do that to approaching the week and just understanding how much, you know, four rounds is and how many shots and how many shots we hit over the course of a season, just not beat yourself up too much over some bad ones, but also just to like know that, you know, it doesn't take, you know, perfect golf to prove to myself that not only do I belong out here, but belong on the PGA TOUR is a special thing.

Q. Looking to your win this week then, I mean, after last week you came out strong today, two birdies right away, did that settle the nerves for you and what was your mindset coming into today?

MATT McCARTY: Yeah, I mean, it was -- I thought -- I told Das we get to 26, like make someone chase us out here today. Yeah, making those two birdies, the chip on 1, really difficult chip, that settles you down always. Yeah, just getting off to a good start and then making a good -- like that par save on 9 was huge. It's like kind of sometimes the mistakes



that you don't make these days are just as important. Yeah, it was great to play like a clean round today and just kind of put it all together for four days was awesome.

Q. Were you aware of what else was going on out there today, if anyone was tracking you down at all?

MATT McCARTY: A little bit. I tried not to like focus too much. I saw it on 17. Obviously walking off the par 3 on 13 I saw that, you know, so it was nice to get that one on 14. But you never know like with the finishing holes out here, 18, so a lot can happen, and everybody takes it deep out here. So it was nice that I was kind of able to cruise the last hole a little bit, it was nice for my first time in that situation.

Q. You won and signed your scorecard, you made a few calls. Who did you call?

MATT McCARTY: Yeah, I called and talked to my girlfriend walking off the green, she's been awesome, so supportive and just amazing. Then called my dad and could hear him tearing up. He was with us last week, so he rode the tough heartbreak with us. Then my mom was the exact same way. I got a lot more calls to make, but those are the first three most important, so it was great.

Q. What is that feeling getting to tell them you're going to the PGA TOUR next year?

MATT McCARTY: Yeah, it hasn't settled in yet. I proved to myself, I knew this year that I could do it, but actually doing it is something completely different. Yeah, it's amazing.

Q. I was going to say, birdied 12, birdied 14, right at the time that Noah Goodwin was there, but he made a par and a bogey, so you were able to kind of like turn the corner there. How important was it, at least the one on 14?

MATT McCARTY: Yeah, I missed a short one on 11, didn't hit like a bad putt, just kind of hit a little too hard. After such a good chip that one was tough. But 12, I've been a little more aggressive off the tee, left myself like a really good wedge number like all four days, played that hole well this week. So it was nice to kind of just like hit my -- have like a comfortable, some comfortable shots coming in and then up and down out of the bunker on 13, and then to make that tough putt on 14, it was big. Nice to kind of cushion myself a little bit.

Q. In sports redemption's hard and a lot of times athletes or teams have to wait a long time to get it. You weighed just seven days to get your redemption.

MATT McCARTY: Yeah, I've waited a lot more than just seven days for redemption out here. I don't know, probably 60-something events out here, so it's been a long time coming, for sure. Yeah, no, to do it like that, I mean, to have that week and to have it happen this quick, yeah, it honestly, it feels better than if I would have got it done last week, for sure.

Q. You're on the tee on 1 starting this thing tied for the lead again. What was the one



thing you kept saying to yourself in your head?

MATT McCARTY: I mean, I just -- it was honestly like the same thing I told myself last week, like this week's going to be different. But I felt a lot -- I felt a lot better today, like just learn -- I think subconsciously learned a lot from last week. Really tried today to do the same thing. I didn't have any regrets from last week. Sometimes it's really hard to win golf tournaments. There's 156 guys that are really good playing every week. Yeah, just tried to do more of the same and it was nice to kind of put it together today, for sure.

Q. You talked yesterday about closing and learning how to win. So what's it feel like to know that you know how to win?

MATT McCARTY: It feels really good, really good. Yeah, it's a special, special day, special week and I'll remember this for probably the rest of my life. Yeah, it feels amazing.

Q. You saw all the little kids out there that you were at that point at one point in your life. What would you tell little Matt who is now going onto the PGA TOUR?

MATT McCARTY: I mean, just keep -- just keep having fun with it, keep working hard and, you know, trust yourself and trust who you are and what you do and good things will happen. You'll go through the ups and downs, but the downs make the ups that much better.

Q. Obviously a memorable round for you, but what did you like about just this tournament in general and the Springfield area?

MATT McCARTY: Yeah, it's a great event. We've got a great host, Megan and Jason. We stayed with them last year, they've been amazing, so that's very comfortable.

Last year I missed the cut out here, but my first year out I think I finished eighth and was kind of like teetering on the edge of we had a few events left and trying to securing that top-75 number. I mean, I guess there's the growth for you right there is two years ago I was here worried about keeping a Korn Ferry card and this year I was here wanting to get a PGA card. I think that kind of shows a lot to do it at the same course is pretty special.

But I feel comfortable out here. It sets up well for my game. You've got to kind of hit your spots and the greens rolled nice today, or all week. It was nice to like just, you know, the comfortability of this place has been good for me.

