

UTAH CHAMPIONSHIP

ROUND 3 QUOTES

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MATT McCARTY (-20)



Q. Matt, your second consecutive bogey-free round of the week, 10 under today. I guess take us through that back stretch there, five straight birdies in your last six holes.

MATT McCARTY: Yeah, made a few putts, so it was nice to kind of get the ball going in. Played well on the front and then kind of turned, and 10 and 11 are tough, good par on 12 and kind of hit it good and made some putts. It was nice to -- another bogey-free day.

Q. Has anything changed the last couple days or just putts dropping? We talked that first day, just a few burning the edge and now it seems you're making a lot drop the last couple --

MATT McCARTY: Yeah, I mean, I made a lot of good strokes early on Thursday and then kind of started hitting some bad putts, like just kind of a little bumpy and got in my head a little bit.

Yeah, I've been hitting it well all three days. I feel like I probably hit it the same Thursday as the last couple and shot a lot different. Yeah, it's been nice.

Q. Have you felt like this course suits your game?

MATT McCARTY: Yeah, it's good. It's tight. If you drive it well, you're going to have a ton of birdie chances. You've just got to wedge it close. I mean, every hole out here is pretty much you're thinking about making a birdie probably except for 10. Yeah, I played well out here last couple years, played well last year. Yeah, it was nice.

Q. After your win a few weeks ago, has anything changed for you? You locked up your Tour card. Is it all just focusing on that top spot now?

MATT McCARTY: Yeah, I think like the goal's shifted a little bit towards that. I was kind of in it last week and then finished kind of poorly. Yeah, I mean, just trying to like kind of keep my energy up and honestly stay focused. I think after Thursday I was honestly like kind of ready to go home and take the weekend off. Then played really well the last couple days, so definitely shifting. It's been fun. A little bit more freedom and like with kind of having something to achieve.

But as far like obviously the No. 1 spot means a lot with getting in some really good events,



but even just kind of climbing your way up the points list, it all matters. Just keep telling myself that to like get in more events, make early next year as easy as possible I guess, yeah.

Q. Talk about goal shifting and a little bit more freedom, how does that show up in your game as like you have your Tour card locked up already and you can play a little bit more free now, just how does that show up in your game?

MATT McCARTY: Yeah, I mean, we've just kind of been like banging driver around here like last three days. I mean, kind of strategy of playing a little bit more aggressive, I guess. But also just, you know, letting -- it's easier to kind of shake off some bad pars or some bogeys when you don't -- doesn't quite, you know, have the same feeling as it used to like three, four weeks ago, yeah.

Q. Knowing how this course has played, going into tomorrow being in the lead or near it depending on how the groups finish, but knowing that anyone can kind of put up a low score and jump up there, what do you think it will take tomorrow to pull it off?

MATT McCARTY: Yeah, I mean, it will probably be very similar to Springfield, like I was tied for the lead. I told myself I wouldn't have it when I teed off, probably the same thing tomorrow. Yeah, just, you know, just go out and just try to keep playing good golf and just have fun with it, too. I mean, had that break on 17 bouncing off his coin and some good stuff's happened the last couple days, so just kind of take advantage of that, too.

Q. Can you talk about that putt on 17, kind of how it ended up getting in the cup?

MATT McCARTY: I have no idea, honestly. I probably pushed that thing. I should have had him move it to the right probably and I had him move it to the left, had him do it again. Probably pushed it like a foot. That was probably the worst putt I've hit in the last, you know, month honestly. Wild for it to go in. Yeah, I mean, that's one of the crazier things I've had happen to me, honestly, but yeah, it was cool, it was funny.

