

**ROUND 1 QUICK QUOTE**  
**August 9, 2024**

**MATT KUCHAR ( -6)**



**Q. Matt, so very strong start, 64. What was clicking for you today?**

**MATT KUCHAR:** Found a lot of fairways today. Out here, this rough is nasty. Bermuda rough is so challenging and particularly this wet bermuda rough is really nasty. So I was able to find a lot of fairways. Playing lift, clean and place means I get to kind of cherry pick a lie, hit some good shots, see a few putts go in. The back nine is where things really picked up, I made a stretch of four birdies in a row and fun way to finish today.

**Q. How did you spend last week, off week?**

**MATT KUCHAR:** Watching a lot of Olympics. I was back home in Idaho. I actually made a couple stops. It was a short week because I went to see my instructor out in Long Island for a couple days and saw my son play a junior tournament in Salt Lake for a couple days, then home to Idaho for a couple days before the quick turnaround.

Certainly love watching the Olympics. I did a good job of not seeing many results before I actually watched it on TV. It was an exciting week of just sitting back and watching the Olympics happen.

**Q. Did you play any golf with your son when you were back home?**

**MATT KUCHAR:** I did, I did, played a couple times. I watched him a couple rounds in a tournament in Salt Lake and played a few rounds at home.

He actually, he got the best of me, first time he's taken me down. One of those days I knew was going to happen sooner or later, knew I'd be proud, but at the same time wanted to hold it off as long as I could.

**Q. What'd he shoot?**

**MATT KUCHAR:** It was 2 under to 1 under. It was a tough day, it was a tough day, yeah.

**Q. What was the course called?**

**MATT KUCHAR:** Gozzer Ranch.

**Q. You've been in every one of these FedExCup Playoffs. How much are you thinking about that this week with your back against the wall to do it?**



**MATT KUCHAR:** Not much. I don't think thinking about it is going to help a whole lot. I've never been one to be a huge leaderboard watcher, I've never been one to look at any of the points lists. I've never seen how that can help you play better. Every one of us wants to play well this week. Worrying about how many points I need to get is not going to help me play better. So I've never, never been one -- if you asked me where I stood, I wouldn't know. Now we get those texts and I understand kind of where I stand with points. I don't want to know how many points I need, I don't want to know any of those things. No, I've always been of the belief how is that going to help me play better.

**Q. What's clicked the last two events that you didn't have the rest of the year?**

**MATT KUCHAR:** Certainly a lot better with the iron game. The approach game hasn't been great this year, I think that's probably been the biggest holdup. There have been weeks where I felt good and putts didn't go in and weeks where I felt my short game was good but just not hitting it close and hurt myself with tee shots and approaches and putting the whole piece together.

Right now I think approach is better than it's been most of the year. Made some good putts last Saturday, made a bunch of putts -- or Saturday at 3M, it was a great round, and here I saw a handful of putts go in. I think a combination. But golf I think at our level, you're never far off. I think you kind of get off and you're kind of head scratching. Like missing cuts makes you feel far off, but I don't think any pros are ever that far off. So start to hit a little bit closer, start to see a few more putts go in.

**Q. How did your son react when he beat you?**

**MATT KUCHAR:** He was excited, for sure. He had to make a 12-footer to save par on the last and I was sure he was going to miss, I was sure pressure was going to get the best of him, but he canned it and was very excited. We played with a couple good friends that were pretty pumped for him. It was a cool moment to have him beat me. To have a couple of good friends of ours to witness, it was fun.

