

## ALBERTSONS BOISE OPEN

**ROUND 2 QUOTES**  
**August 23, 2024**



**MATT McCARTY (-15)**

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**Q. Just walk us through the highlights of the round here to get going.**

**MATT McCARTY:** I mean, yeah, birdied the first three holes, which is nice. Yeah, played solid. I mean, made a lot of putts today. Didn't hit the driver great, but kind of got a few nice lies in the trees, I guess, and was able to kind of -- but yeah, no, it's just been good. Solid couple days. No bogeys so far, so kind of just limited the mistakes. Made a good par on 11. Yeah, it's been fun. Nice to make some putts, but hitting it well, too, so it's been fun.

**Q. Do you feel like with this course being on the shorter side it sort of plays into your strengths more than some other guys out here?**

**MATT McCARTY:** Yeah, I mean, I think you can kind of play as aggressive as you want and if you drive it well while doing that, like you can really have some like easy looks. So I think kind of that freedom of just kind of being able to play it a little bit more aggressive is probably nice.

But yeah, I mean, just you kind of got to do everything well. I haven't hit my wedges too well, but I've been making a lot of, you know, 20-footers, so it's been good. Yeah, for sure.

**Q. Does the game seem kind of easy for you right now?**

**MATT McCARTY:** Yeah, I mean, sometimes, yeah, it has felt easy lately. You know, not every round's kind of like built equal, but yeah, yeah, it has. It feels good. It's just like kind of staying within myself and it's nice just to like, like I said, not make any bogeys and just kind of, you know, having some freedom on some putts and stuff, yeah.

**Q. Do you like playing with a lead? Are you going to protect it?**

**MATT McCARTY:** Yeah, better than not playing with a lead. Yeah, we'll see how it's like at the end of the day. There's still a lot of golf left. Like everybody else can kind of go low out here this weekend.

It will be interesting to see like if it does rain and keeps getting firmer and kind of what that's like, too. Yeah, this course is good. I really liked it the first year I played it. Missed the cut last year when I was kind of like on the edge of getting my card, so it was kind of tough. Yeah, like had this circled for a while. After the last couple months, not as important, but I've wanted to play well here all year. Kind of like the course and looking forward to the weekend,



for sure.

**Q. If you could narrow it down to kind of one or two things specifically, what kind of has really helped recently?**

**MATT McCARTY:** I mean, I think physically just like hitting the ball well and like feeling confident like over shots. But like mentally, just kind of like being calm and just like knowing, knowing what I'm doing is working, and then also not trying to do too much, really like staying within myself.

Yeah, it's been a fun six, seven weeks now. Yeah, it's just been nice to honestly keep playing well and just keep it going, especially after the first and then second win in Omaha a couple weeks ago. Yeah, it's been a lot of fun.

**Q. You mentioned you like this course. What specifically do you like about it?**

**MATT McCARTY:** We played San Jose Country Club, we played out there in college, it's very similar. Some familiarity with that. Yeah, it's tight. Like if you drive it well, you can give yourself a lot of good looks. I think being accurate off the tee kind of like plays into my hand a little bit. Yeah, the greens are good, course is in great shape. Rough's kind of penal so you've got to hit good shots or you can make some mistakes.

**Q. Looking to play well here all year, was it because you were kind of mapping out scenarios?**

**MATT McCARTY:** Yeah, I mean, I think just last year kind of that spot that I was in, and honestly before Springfield I was in a similar one of just knowing that I could play well on this golf course and kind of just having that circled.

Yeah, and then just like kind of missing the cut last year, I think I was doing pretty well through 36 my first year out here and didn't finish that well when it was that other format with the 75, so yeah.

**Q. What do you remember about the tour championship last year when you were coming down 18, you were in a really good position and I think the second or third round you just kind of made a big number there and it kind of got away from you a little bit?**

**MATT McCARTY:** Yeah, that's pretty much what I remember. I think I was leading on 18 on Saturday and made an 8. Yeah, but just kind of those feelings, I think it all kind of like builds on itself because I played really well, especially that back nine that day, but early that whole week to kind of put myself in that situation, like getting where I was like right around the 30 number.

So having that confidence and then kind of knowing that it didn't go well but knowing that I



could be in that position was good just kind of helped me build on that a lot this year, like being in contention. That was probably my first -- I mean, obviously in that big of an event, but that was probably like one of my first leads out here, too. Kind of experiencing that was helpful, for sure.

**Q. What was the biggest like thing that you learned about yourself in that moment like physically, mentally to sort of keep yourself calm or whatever?**

**MATT McCARTY:** I mean, I think it's good to be nervous, like it means you care. So like feeding into that more than shying away from it and just knowing that you're going to have that and everybody else is, too and it's still golf. It's the same stuff, so just kind of stick to your process, your routine. If you just kind of keep your head down, good things will happen I think was probably the biggest thing I learned.

**Q. Knowing that you are going to the PGA TOUR, how has that impacted the way you are approaching these playoffs?**

**MATT McCARTY:** Yeah, I mean, it's been kind of -- like I had a little bit of a lead -- after winning in Springfield, I kind of just refocused to that No. 1 spot to kind of like -- you know, it's very important with getting into a lot of events and then U.S. Open and THE PLAYERS and everything. Just kind of refocus towards that.

But then even after Omaha, had a big lead. McGreevy won last week, so kind of, you know, there's a lot of guys that have a good amount of points this year. Just trying to like, you know, keep doing what I'm doing and like I know I've been playing well, but just keep putting myself in chances to -- or the position to like give myself chances, I think. Yeah, just kind of like mindset shifted a little bit.

I'm pretty tired right now, honestly. Like it's been a long seven weeks, but two weeks off after this, I'll have another good couple days and can grind it out. Yeah, it's been a lot of fun.

