

**ROUND 2 QUICK QUOTES**  
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**MAVERICK McNEALY (-9)**

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**Q. Second round, always nice to be bogey free. How would you assess your round today?**

**MAVERICK McNEALY:** It was solid, really good through 13 holes especially. Just a couple pars, a couple loose shots coming in, but scrambled really well when I needed to, kept it in front of me.

They're huge, wide fairways so it's always a bit of a struggle to bring your focus in a little bit more narrow. There's a few uncomfortable shots, too, but it was definitely a lot easier than it was with the wind yesterday.

**Q. A day removed from your birthday, did you do any celebrating?**

**MAVERICK McNEALY:** Not much celebrating. I had dinner with a couple friends out here on Tuesday, but yesterday was a grind, it was hard work.

It was really uncomfortable because the last three days we've been practicing we've had like 20, 25 miles an hour wind off the right in all the ranges, even the range at home at TPC Summerlin, and standing on the first tee shot of the tournament I got 25 wind off the left, like a 50-mile-an-hour wind switch. I was like, please don't be a wide open clubface, but managed it well. There's just some really uncomfortable shots, but then some ones where you just get it in the bowl and it goes right next to the hole. Mixed bag between some really hard, easy shots out there.

**Q. Not an easy day condition-wise, but also caddie-brother wasn't feeling well. How did that go?**

**MAVERICK McNEALY:** Scout toughed it out. I saw him this morning in dining, I was like he does not look good. It put things in perspective because no shot I hit out there was harder than what he was going through today.

He did great. He's helped me so much the last couple weeks and I think my good play lately has been a lot due to the help he's given me over the last couple weeks.

And I'm excited he's going to be caddying for me through the end of the season. Talked him into it. The end of East Lake. We'll have a lot of fun. And he's a better green reader than I am, so helps a lot.

**Q. What's that relationship like let alone calling golf shots but having someone who**



**probably knows you the best in between the shots?**

**MAVERICK McNEALY:** If I could tailor make a caddie, he's helped so much. We have a lot of fun, play a lot of golf when we're at home.

There's four of us and we're all super close. We always feel like we're a team. We're never really competitive with each other, we have more of a team mentality.

I'm excited to get all four of us back together over Thanksgiving and play some brothers golf. It's awesome. We shared a room growing up all the way through high school, so know each other extremely well.

**Q. How much are you thinking about (inaudible)?**

**MAVERICK McNEALY:** Quite a bit, that's why I'm playing so much this fall. I'm also playing a lot because I feel like I'm playing really well. My wife's traveling with me and we don't have kids yet, might as well just go play. They're handing out a check, handing out a bunch of points and a trophy, so living the dream playing on the PGA TOUR.

I think I'm in a pretty good spot for the top 60. Feels like I'm playing with house money a little bit. I definitely am not envious of the position that most of the guys in this field are in. It's a lot more stress-free golf for me and I'm just out here trying to win a golf tournament, have some fun in Cabo and see how good I can get my game going into the next year.

**Q. Are you thinking more about Kapalua, Augusta?**

**MAVERICK McNEALY:** Absolutely. I mean, item one was getting in Pebble and Riv, item two was top 50 in the world, Augusta and three is Kapalua. Got one of those pretty much ticked off, I think, and two more -- three more chances to get those other two done.

**Q. What were the best birdies today?**

**MAVERICK McNEALY:** I think my best birdie today was 13. It was my last birdie, that one was really good. There's a few shots out there where if you just hit it in a certain area, it funnels right to the hole. I've had a lot of inside of five-, six-footers for birdie, which is really good for me. Iron play has been historically the weakest part of my game, so really excited about how that's trending. And this is the best the putter's felt in months, which is awesome, but 13's probably the best one.

