

ROUND 3 QUICK QUOTES
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MATTHEW RIEDEL (-6)

Q. Matt, another solid day. How would you assess the day and how it compared to yesterday?

MATTHEW RIEDEL: It was good. Felt like I kind of got off to a slower start today of just kind of easing into my round. Didn't hit a ton of drivers early on, just kind of got it out there and kind of saw what the day kind of had in store. Got kind of a few birdies in the middle kind of 12 through -- I guess just through 12.

Then the finish is kind of tough out here, so happy to kind of finish the way I did. Would have liked to get one or two more with some of those wedges coming in, but it was a great day, I was proud of it.

Q. Does it feel any differently than a normal tournament or has the whole week felt pretty standard?

MATTHEW RIEDEL: Not really. I mean, I think a lot of us out here are trying to go win, so that's kind of what we're focused on and kind of getting the job done. It's a little different, just two courses and kind of everybody being split up, but it's golf, trying to keep it simple, just go out and play and whatever the day has, just go with it and do my best.

Q. You're the only guy to shoot in the 60s all three rounds. How good is that?

MATTHEW RIEDEL: I'd take one more, but yeah, it was good. With the wind and stuff we've had those first two rounds, really good.

Kind of died down a little more than I think we thought today, so probably a little lower scores a little bit out there. But the course is tough, you've got to go out and play well.

Q. Would you prefer the conditions be tough maybe like they were yesterday?

MATTHEW RIEDEL: Yeah, I love wind. If you can kind of turn on the wind, I like to play well in that and kind of shape some shots. Whatever it is, I'm not too pressed about it.

Q. Do you kind of tell yourself this is what I think I have to shoot to make the top-5 or do you go in there like any other tournament, say I'm here to win this thing?

MATTHEW RIEDEL: So this is my first year here, like kind of out for Q-School, so I came in with really no expectations of what scoring was.



I think it's always so course dependent and field dependent with wind, weather and whatnot. You get a pretty good feel for it when you get out there.

Like the last couple days it's blowing 30, so you know anything under par or even around par is going to be a great round. You just kind of take it what it is. You can't really predict golf.

I think you have some good days that are really good and you have some days that you struggle and you have a good finish and it's hard to kind of have that number in mind. Always just trying to kind of get off to a good start and see where that takes you.

Q. Did you ever play here in college?

MATTHEW RIEDEL: Yes, I played here two years ago.

Q. When you guys were No. 1?

MATTHEW RIEDEL: Yeah, we had a good program.

Q. You guys like lapped everybody in that one.

MATTHEW RIEDEL: We had a good program, we had a lot of good players. Gordon played well, kind of -- it was a lot of fun.

Q. Are you going to like talk to your caddie about a plan for how closely to follow the scores on the last hole?

MATTHEW RIEDEL: I think we'll kind of have an idea about it. I feel like we've had enough of these instances where you already have a general idea of how you want to play and kind of go through on it.

But we'll just kind of get a game plan tomorrow for what the weather is, what kind of the pins are, just ease into it and try to go out and win.

Q. When's the last time you had a tournament where like there are five victories rather than just one?

MATTHEW RIEDEL: Never. I mean, in college we did a deal where if you were top 8 or top 12 for some events and you were exempt into the next one so you didn't have to qualify. So a little bit of that was that way, but not -- this is definitely a different feel. It's different.

Q. (No microphone) your dream of making the PGA TOUR?

MATTHEW RIEDEL: I was probably 8 years old, 10 years old, just kind of like a little kid. I always loved playing golf and loved playing other sports and it kind of gradually just grew as I got better at golf and got more into it with my dad and my brother and some high school



friends and all that. Just kind of kept climbing up the ladder a little bit and you kind of get it where you are here and like all right, this is a good opportunity, let's go have fun with it.

Q. Who's your caddie this week?

MATTHEW RIEDEL: He's a guy named Drew Murdock. He's one of my high school teammates. We grew up together and he's a good golfer, too. We get to kind of go back and forth on some shots. It's been good.

Q. When did you guys meet?

MATTHEW RIEDEL: We met probably when I was 10 or 12 just in youth sports. We both live in Houston, live around the area and played golf together with each other forever. A long time.

Q. How many rounds do you think you played with him?

MATTHEW RIEDEL: 500 maybe, I don't know. We always play when we can.

Q. Is there any kind of advice or club or thing this week that he's said or done that's helped you?

MATTHEW RIEDEL: He keeps me really centered and just in the moment, which has been good. He's been caddying for me through the summer and then through the fall. He knows what shots I'm comfortable with, what I'm not with, so we're just trying as many shots you can kind of be comfortable with. Not really force anything out here. I think you can get into a little bit of trouble trying to force some shots.

Q. What part of your game's the sharpest this week?

MATTHEW RIEDEL: I think my iron play's been really good, I've hit a lot of greens. I think that leans in a little bit to my strategy, it's just try to kind of get it out there and then get it on the green and play for par. On a lot of these holes you get numbers, get it going, but yeah, probably iron play.

Q. What does tomorrow mean to you?

MATTHEW RIEDEL: Oh, a lot. I mean, whatever God has in store for me, I'm just going to go act it out. I'm just excited to kind of be where I am.

Hey, if it turns out well, I'll be pumped. If not, I'll go get it the other way through Korn Ferry. So just excited for the opportunity.

Q. What number did you play on your team the week (inaudible)?



MATTHEW RIEDEL: I don't know, I bounced around. I think I was playing 2 or 3 maybe. I could have been 5, too. I don't know. We had a lot of good players. I was just happy to be making the squad trip.

