

**ASTARA GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP**  
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**ROUND 2 QUOTES**  
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**MATTHEW ANDERSON (-8)**

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**. Matthew, 10 under today, you kind of came close and one way to make your Korn Ferry Tour cut. Take us through your round today.**

**MATTHEW ANDERSON:** Yeah, it was -- I got off to a hot start. I mean, obviously after yesterday just talking with family, coaches, you know, obviously I knew that it was out there. Seen it last year. There was a lot of birdies out there if you leave yourself in the right spot. Was just doing that early. Kind of relish the opportunity to just go out there, take driver and try to hit greens, which is kind of fun. You don't get to do that, so was just trying to hit driver hard.

Luckily, I found myself in some nice spots to like pitch and attack pins. Made some putts today, which hasn't felt like I've done that in forever, which obviously was a great feeling. Yeah, just tried to play as free as I could and see what the result was.

**Q. Did you kind of know where you were at throughout the day --**

**MATTHEW ANDERSON:** For sure.

**Q. -- or you just knew you were making a lot of birdies?**

**MATTHEW ANDERSON:** For sure. I mean, you obviously know. Like you know. Obviously you do whatever you can not to focus on it, but I knew.

When I got to like 9 I was like, this is getting pretty real now. Then you start to feel the emotions and stuff. But even under tension, like just do your process and swing free and do the best you can and whatever happens, happens, right? That's all I was trying to do.

**Q. Kind of bigger picture then, fourth event, make your first cut out here, is it kind of nice to just get that over with now?**

**MATTHEW ANDERSON:** For sure, yeah, a little bit. You feel like your game's in a good spot, you feel like you're playing well and you kind of almost deserve better, but golf's golf sometimes and you've just got to stick through it and try to keep getting better. It is what it is, right? Just have a good attitude and go about your business.

Yeah, obviously to come out here and have a good day and play a weekend is obviously



great. See what we can do this weekend obviously.

**Q. Three-and-a-half events in right now at the moment, what's been the biggest difference from playing on Americas last year to the first few events this year?**

**MATTHEW ANDERSON:** Yeah, it's obviously, you know, I think stuff just kind of runs a little bit differently with caddies not seeing the courses before. You know, it's a lot of same guys. I know I'm plenty good enough to compete, it's just a new environment say.

Ultimately, just try and go play golf. Whether I make the first three cuts or miss the first three cuts doesn't really change my opinion of how I am as a golfer, just try and take it day by day. That's what I'll continue to do.

**Q. You've played golf in South America before. How's it been this year for you and do you do anything off the course when you're down here?**

**MATTHEW ANDERSON:** Oh, man, me and Chase were doing some yoga. I'm staying with Chase Sienkiewicz this week and there was a yoga place right by our Airbnb, so we've been doing yoga a couple times this week. Probably try and do it again, it's been pretty fun.

I don't know, you're obviously in a place very far from home, so I'm just trying my best to enjoy it. I mean, it's a great spot here. Like Bogota, it's a very beautiful city. Just try and take it all in. And I'm playing golf, right?

**Q. Is yoga a normal part of your routine?**

**MATTHEW ANDERSON:** It's not, no. This week I had my first two yoga classes. I've definitely been humbled a little bit, I'm not as flexible as I thought I would be. It's fun. Kind of just releases some tension, connecting with your body.

**Q. Do you think you might incorporate it more?**

**MATTHEW ANDERSON:** I think I might, yeah. I think I might honestly start doing that. Feel a little looser honestly. I felt out there today, when it starts feeling a little too intense, just very in tune with my breath and just lowering the heart rate and anxiety, just kind of like being present. So maybe, yeah. We'll see.

**Q. Taking you back to the round, on 16, 17 you were so close. What was going on in your head down the stretch?**

**MATTHEW ANDERSON:** Yeah, honestly, I just wanted to keep making -- just accepting everything and making the freest swings and strokes that I could. Whatever would happen after that, then it's out of my control.

I wouldn't take anything back. The only thing I might take back, on 15 I think I was trying to



steer it up there a little bit. You're still in a fine spot to attack that pin, but like nothing in the last like few holes I would take back. Like I was just trying to do the same thing I've been doing the whole round.

On 16, like I just -- Grant's putt, it kind of went right and I was like OK, I'll play mine left center because it looks very on a fall line, and mine went left. Like I hit a good putt, what are you going to do?

Same with 17, right on the fall line. The putts here are kind of moving, like OK, wind's off the right, putt might go right, but like so play it right center and just hit a good stroke. Just wiggling, just misses right. I made some earlier in the day, just kind of happens that those don't go in. Obviously it's tough, like obviously would love to shoot sub 60, but again I wouldn't take anything back.

**Q. Have you ever shot sub 60 before?**

**MATTHEW ANDERSON:** I've never, no.

