

ROUND 3 QUICK QUOTES
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DENNY McCARTHY (-7)

Q. Denny, right now solo second on the leaderboard. It looks like the third round it kind of picked up after the first five holes. Can you kind of take us through your round today?

DENNY McCARTHY: Yeah. A little scratchy early, found some footing. Got a nice up-and-down on 4 that kind of settled me in. Hit some good shots on 5 to kind of get the round going. Hit a nice little stretch there, 6, 7, 9, 10. Swung really freely with the driver today, really like how I drove the ball, set up a lot of my opportunities today.

Disappointing bogey on 13 after two pretty good shots, but proud of how I bounced back on 14 through 17. Not that easy of a stretch, I continued to hit good shots and give myself looks.

Q. Was this sort of major championship hard? We're seeing some scores that we're not used to seeing.

DENNY McCARTHY: I don't think so. I mean, major championships typically aren't this soft. The rough's definitely up. The couple times I hit it in the rough today, drove it just in the rough off 18, it was probably the worst lie I've had all week. Rough-wise it is, yes. Softness, no. With the softness into the wind you can still flight some shots with mid to long irons and they're going to stop where they end up.

I'm not saying it's not a hard golf course, it's a very hard golf course still. I guess you could throw it in the major championship category. I just typically think of majors being a little firmer.

Q. This is a course people always talk about length, length, length with. Do you take a little pride in not necessarily being one of the longest guys and being able to take charge of it today?

DENNY McCARTHY: Yeah, I'm not one of the longest guys but I've gotten longer and I'm long enough to definitely play well here. I drove it -- I've picked up some speed. I was letting it swing pretty freely today and I like how confident and committed I was on some of those tee shots.

Q. Will you look at leaderboards at all tomorrow or are you just process, process, process?

DENNY McCARTHY: I didn't really look at 'em much today, I glanced at it a few times. I

might take a peek here and there. I'm not superstitious one way or the other. It doesn't really change what I do out there. So more of what I did today tomorrow will be good, maybe get a few more putts to drop.

Q. Has it been a concerted effort to chase speed?

DENNY McCARTHY: It's more so a concerted effort to take care of my body. I've been doing a lot of things to try and keep my body healthy and in that process I've found how to use my body a little more efficiently and I have picked up a little more speed. I wouldn't say I'm speed training, but I'm just using my body more efficiently.

Q. What are the main things you're doing to be more healthy?

DENNY McCARTHY: Just a couple workouts, form on some workout stuff, getting with my physio, physio at home, physio on the road, they're in communication, finding the right things to work on to get me to feel good and ready to play.

Q. Do you take any inspiration from any other athletes? We had Max Homa talking about Jalen Hurts' comment after the Super Bowl. Is there anybody you kind of look up to or model yourself after?

DENNY McCARTHY: I mean, I watch a lot of sports. I wouldn't finger point and say this person has done this for me. It's always fun, like I played with Rory today, I've looked up to Rory for a while. It's always fun getting a front row seat to watch him play golf and hit a golf ball. It's pretty insane some of the shots he can hit. It's kind of like getting a front row seat to watch M.J. or LeBron I would imagine. It's pretty fun watching him hit a golf ball how he does.