

ROUND 4 QUICK QUOTES
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STEFANO MAZZOLI (-20)



MODERATOR: We would like to welcome the winner of the 2026 Corales Puntacana Championship, Stefano Mazzoli. Congratulations.

STEFANO MAZZOLI: Thank you.

MODERATOR: This is your first PGA TOUR victory. How are you feeling after this win?

STEFANO MAZZOLI: It's been great. I feel great now. It's been probably 30 minutes, I don't know, since I won. I got to process everything a little bit more. Probably tonight in the bed when I go to sleep I'll probably think again about everything that happened. Now it's just time of celebration and obviously interviews and everything. But I'm happy to be here, happy to do it with my friend, Federico, and I'm just grateful and honored to win on Tour. That was a dream since I was a kid.

MODERATOR: You started the round four shots back. How much did you feel that pressure throughout the day?

STEFANO MAZZOLI: It was not really pressure. I think for me it was just more about the chase, chase the leader, give myself as many chances as possible. I think Todd made bogey 17 and he was able to hole a clutch putt for par on 17, and then obviously on 18 I knew that making a birdie had a chance because with the wind and everything was not playing as easy.

MODERATOR: Talk to us about that birdie putt on 18. How satisfying was that?

STEFANO MAZZOLI: Yeah, obviously we had a good read and I had my caddie double check the line. Then I just tried to hit a putt as committed as possible and it went in perfectly with the last roll, so really pleased.

MODERATOR: There was a lot of movement on the leaderboard today. Are you a leaderboard watcher or do you kind of just like to focus?

STEFANO MAZZOLI: I took a look obviously during the round, but since I was back behind, for me it was always about making one more birdie, one more birdie, one more birdie and see how it was going to look like going in the last couple of holes.

Q. How do you feel like you handled your emotions once you realized you were in contention?



STEFANO MAZZOLI: I think I handled it pretty good. The last -- it was more about like staying in the tournament, staying in the tournament, keep pushing, keep pushing. And then obviously the last three holes I knew a couple of good shots I had a good chance. Obviously Todd bogeyed 17 and that helped. But we knew that the last couple of holes were a little more tricky and more exposed being so close to the sea, to the wind. I knew I had a chance.

Q. Far from home, can you just talk about the support that you've gotten from friends and family like through your journey to this point?

STEFANO MAZZOLI: Yeah. As I said before, my family, my wife Sabina has been great. Four weeks ago Frederico started caddying for me. We grew up together playing golf, we know each other pretty well, so everything together kind of brought me here. It was a journey. I struggled several times during this season. I knew I had decent (indiscernible.) I just kept struggling. I had a couple of chances this year, but maybe the last year or the last couple of holes or whatever I kind of struggled, and this maybe was a more, a better situation for me coming from behind. The last round was a better opportunity and emotionally I reacted really well.

Q. Over the past four weeks you said you have your friend on the bag now. What's that change been like just having someone that you trust, that you get along with?

STEFANO MAZZOLI: Yeah, we get along pretty well. Obviously it was really clear before the four weeks what I needed. I just needed to have a lot of fun on the course to keep me -- to help me like to keep the momentum, keep the rhythm, keep like smiling and everything when things were not going my way, Which is what I struggled probably the past year to deal with. He did great and he supported me really good.

Q. Kind of switching gears here, how did you get into golf and what inspired you to become a pro golfer?

STEFANO MAZZOLI: I haven't got into golf early in my life. I was a skier before and injured a couple times. Then it wasn't that easy to go train in the mountains every day or whatever. So with school and everything, then I started probably when I was 12 playing golf. Then I got to play more seriously when I was 15, 16 or so.

I think my journey till here has always been like one step at a time. It's never been like taking 10 steps and then a couple back. It's always been one step at a time and I think that's part of also my personality kind of like following that.

Q. Are there any heroes or mentors that you've had throughout your journey to this point like from when you were a kid?

STEFANO MAZZOLI: Not really. Obviously we look up to all the good players. I had the chance to play with Rory in November or December in Australia and a lot of other good players. It was good to watch them and kind of follow their lead on what they were doing well



obviously. I just wanted to always do my things my way and I think I had the mentality and the capabilities to reach the goal.

Q. And then you said that you take things one step at a time. What's been like the grind like in your journey going from tour to tour and then coming here and winning?

STEFANO MAZZOLI: Yeah, obviously you doubt yourself quite a lot, but I've always been really determined on working, sacrifice and everything since when I was a kid. Whether I was skiing and then practicing when I was 15 and all of that kind of obviously led to this, but it wasn't really heavy on me because I knew since 15, 16 that this is what I wanted to do. So I was really happy to do it even if maybe other people outside from school and everybody else was looking at me like kind of weirdly, why is this guy not coming to the cinema with us. Like I knew this is what I wanted to do and I was really happy to do it and wake up early or go to bed early at night.

MODERATOR: This win gives you a one-year exemption on the PGA TOUR. I don't want to assume. Are you going to accept PGA TOUR membership?

STEFANO MAZZOLI: Yeah, I just did. So I'll be pleased to play this next year and see where it goes.

MODERATOR: You're new to our tour. What's one thing that you would want people to know about you?

STEFANO MAZZOLI: Just I'm a hard worker, pretty easy. Not much, I guess. I don't know.

MODERATOR: World Cup final soon. Who do you have winning it all, Spain or Argentina?

STEFANO MAZZOLI: I hope Spain. Just have to cheer for the European teams, I guess. It's a really sad moment for Italy since we haven't been for the past three editions. So I guess Spain since Argentina already won previously four years ago.

MODERATOR: How are you going to celebrate this win?

STEFANO MAZZOLI: I guess we'll figure it out later. We have a flight tonight and I guess we cancel that and we'll see how it goes.

