ROUND 1 QUICK QUOTES
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DENNY McCARTHY (-4)

Q. Denny, five birdies and a bogey, round of 67. How would you assess Round 1?

DENNY McCARTHY: I played the hard holes really well and I played the easy holes somewhat poorly.

I'd say I made a bonus birdie or two on some of the harder holes. Just played some of the harder holes stress free. Then I'm a little upset with how I finished just now. The heat might have gotten to me a little bit, it's really hot out there, but a really soft bogey and then didn't birdie a par 5 right after, a downwind par 5.

I'm not going to let it make my lunch taste that bad because I'm still really hungry, but all in all, I'm doing some really good things. I'm playing some solid golf, I'm starting to see some good things out on the course.

Q. Yeah, what are you seeing because it seems like the last couple of weeks you've unlocked something?

DENNY McCARTHY: Yeah, everything around the greens has been really tidy so when I do make a mistake, my short game has been there to bail me out. I've been cleaning up around the hole really nice and then making a few more, you know, call it 10- to 25-footers.

Then my iron game feels really good. I'm driving it OK. There's spurts of really good and spurts of feeling uncomfortable, which has kind of been my main bugaboo if you will this year. I felt really uncomfortable off the tee. So there are spurts of really good in there. When it is really good I'm able to take advantage with some good iron play, and then when it's not so good I'm doing a good job of kind of managing my game from where I'm missing it.

Q. Lastly, we've seen some guys really sprint this time of year, historically Brendon Todd 2019, Austin Smotherman this year. How do you view this time of the season from your perspective?

DENNY McCARTHY: Yeah, I haven't had to play much in the fall the last few years. It's been nice to kind of have the fall off to rest and hang out with family and friends. I think it can be a good thing when you start playing -- I feel like I've always played well with my back up against the wall. I might be past this safe/fail line, I don't know exactly, but I've got three and a half events to take care of that. I'm not too worried about that, I'm just trying to stack days and try and get better and see if I can put myself in position to win a tournament.