

# Barracuda Championship

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Truckee, California, USA

Tahoe Mountain Club

## Aaron Cockerill

### Quick Quotes

**Q. You started your day with a double bogey, and you finished in a share of the clubhouse lead on 12 points. What happened out there?**

AARON COCKERILL: Yeah, it was funny to scoop it on the first hole of the day, but after that I bounced back with two birdies in a row and played solid. I holed a lot of good putts and made a bomb on the 2nd hole for eagle, which is obviously huge in this format. Yeah, great start.

**Q. How important was that just having a bit of momentum around the turn with the two birdies and then like you said, the eagle?**

AARON COCKERILL: Yeah, the eagle was huge. I had hit one close on 12 and missed it. I was like 12 feet. So I was a bit frustrated. Then I made like an 80-footer on 2, so that's just golf. Sometimes it goes your way.

Yeah, played well and happy with the round.

**Q. Just your thoughts on the location this week?**

AARON COCKERILL: It's amazing. I'm staying with an old college teammate; they live on the lake. They're treating me well this week, and it's beautiful out here. The weather is great. I think everyone is enjoying a different format, just something that's different. It's an awesome event

**Q. Playing a little closer to home than perhaps you normally would as well. Does that help the mindset?**

AARON COCKERILL: Yeah, it's easier to get home after the event. The last two weeks has been nice. I played in Canada earlier in the year in the Canadian Open, so this is my third TOUR event this year, and I hadn't play in any before that. It is nice to play back on this side of the pond. It's fun.

**Q. Thoughts on the format; has the game plan changed at all considering you've got to go out there and get points?**



AARON COCKERILL: Yeah, I think it does a little bit. If you make 18 pars versus nine bogeys and nine birdies, you're way better off to make all the birdies. I was trying to play a little more aggressively today, I think. Especially those 15-footers are kind of crucial. You don't want to leave them short. I think it frees you up a little bit, and yeah, you've got to play a little more aggressive.

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