

# Shriners Children's Open

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## Isaiah Salinda

### Quick Quotes

**Q. Isaiah, quite the round from the two of you out there. Take us through how it felt for you.**

ISIAH SALINDA: Yeah, it was a fun round to be a part of. I think right from the start, we started making birdies from the get-go. It was nice to see his putts go in and my birdie putts go in, too. The birdies were flying, and we just tried to keep it going.

**Q. You enter a tournament like a Monday Q; is this what you dream about putting yourself in a spot entering a final round?**

ISIAH SALINDA: For sure, yeah, we all kind of play for the same reasons, to have a chance. We'll see how that holds up. A lot of groups still to come in, but yeah, it's just a good round that I hope to build on tomorrow.

**Q. What has your last few weeks been in terms of playing competitive golf that got you ready for this?**

ISIAH SALINDA: Yeah, I've kind of had the last few weeks off. My last Korn Ferry event was in Columbus, Ohio. I missed the TOUR Championship by a few spots.

I took a couple days off, but I knew there was still a lot to play for the rest of the year and decided to do this Monday, and glad I did. Just hoping to take advantage of it.

**Q. Anything in particular about your game you felt like was really working today?**

ISIAH SALINDA: You know, tee to green was solid. I felt like I didn't even hit it great, but I gave myself a lot of chances, and the putter got pretty hot.

Yeah, just hope to continue that tomorrow.

**Q. I noticed in the qualifier you listed Vegas as your hometown. Are you a Vegas person now?**

ISIAH SALINDA: Yeah, I moved here at the beginning of the year. But yeah, I'm from south San Francisco originally



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but made the move out here earlier this year.

**Q. What led to choosing Las Vegas as a home?**

ISIAH SALINDA: I'm a West Coast guy and wanted to stay on the West Coast, and I know a bunch of the players out here, and I just wanted to be around that better competition to push me and make me better.

I think it's paid off, and definitely happy being here having Vegas as my home base now.

**Q. When you're standing on the tee box on a Monday qualifier, do you think, gosh, it would be nice to shoot a 63 on a Saturday?**

ISIAH SALINDA: No. No. That's looking a little bit too far ahead. Just focused on the task at hand, and on Monday it was just making as many birdies as I can. Once the tournament started, just tried to keep that going, and yeah, it's been going all right so far.

**Q. As far as pressure, more pressure at a qualifier knowing there's only four spots, or more pressure actually playing out here?**

ISIAH SALINDA: I think there's always a little more pressure playing out here. On the weekend I feel like you're playing a little bit more, but just try and treat it the same. We play this for a living. But that's what we do, and try and treat it the same way.

**Q. Do you have a home course out here?**

ISIAH SALINDA: Yeah, I play out here a ton and practice out here a lot and also belong to Southern Highlands. Between those two courses, it's been a pretty good setup.

**Q. That's where you know all the guys from?**

ISIAH SALINDA: Yeah.

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