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Quick Quotes



Q. Talk about everything.

MATTHEW VOGT: I made some really bad mental errors early on, and it's hard out here because you can't make physical and mental errors. You can like get away sometimes with one or the other, but you can't get away with both.

You just get behind the eight ball here, and honestly your head starts spinning. That's what it feels like, your head starts spinning out here, and it just gets away from you.

Q. What were the emotions playing Oakmont today, hearing your name called from Pittsburgh, PA, get up to the tee box, first one to tee off today?

MATTHEW VOGT: I hope that I represented the city, Oakmont, with pride today. I don't want this to all be about me this week. All this has been incredible. Again, I hope to -- I just hope to bring a lot of, I guess, joy to the city. It means a ton. It means a ton to hit that 1st tee ball.

Honestly, there's been so many people in the city and here at Oakmont that have been so awesome this week. It does mean a ton. Right now playing poorly really stings. I know I'll look back on it, and that will help save things.

Q. Was any part of today fun?

MATTHEW VOGT: My goodness, honestly, I came in with such optimism for this golf course, but it is so hard. It's just so, so hard.

I'd say in the moment you feel like you get punched in the face, but ultimately, yeah, I'd say it was fun.

Q. Let me rephrase it. You've had rounds where you've obviously scored lower. Would you say this was a more rewarding experience than that?

MATTHEW VOGT: Walking off the 18th green 10 or 15 minutes ago, it's really tough to say that right now. I would say it would be. Honestly, I think anything in golf and life, you have to look at things like this, tournaments like this as

just kind of another blip on the radar of your life and your experience.

That's much easier said than done. It's the U.S. Open. For me to just say it's just another golf tournament would be lying to myself.

Again, I think down the road there will definitely be a lot of things to take from today. I mean, how could any other golf tournament feel more like this or more full of pressure like this? I mean, it's the U.S. Open. I'm trying to have a silver lining on shooting 82.

Q. What do you want to work on now before tomorrow?

MATTHEW VOGT: Everything. (Laughter). It sure felt like everything went poorly. That's the thing, you can't get away with hitting a couple of good shots on a hole and one bad shot out here. It's so penal.

The last however many years, I've tried to just work really, really hard. I think it would be easy to kind of go take a nap and say that was awful and just mope, but I'm just going to honestly get something to eat and work really, really hard and try to build on something tomorrow. Yeah, just try to do that.

Q. You excited to have another shot at it?

MATTHEW VOGT: I need a nap first after that. (Laughter). Yes, absolutely. It's disappointing to play poorly, whether it's the U.S. Open or any golf tournament. But, yeah, super excited. Super, super excited.

Q. What's it like having all this attention? Aside from the No. 1 to No. 5 ranked players in the world, everyone wants a piece of you this week. What has that been like?

MATTHEW VOGT: Yeah, it's been a lot to process. For a while, I've honestly tried to process throughout the week, like why. I hope it's an inspiring story for others. I've tried to glorify God and everything I'm doing this week to be

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truthful and use my platform to do that, but it's been a lot.

Again, I think like going to whatever tournament is next on the schedule, how could it feel like this? I think it's a great -- I have to look at it as a learning experience really. That's what I'll try to do once I can kind of settle down and assess how things went out there.

Q. Has the dentist business picked up in Indiana?

MATTHEW VOGT: People have asked me that. My team has been great. They've just been taking care of things. Maybe it does. That's certainly not a goal. It's not a goal with any of this talking with you all. That's absolutely not a goal. Obviously we want to take care of people. I don't know the answer. They've been holding down the fort.

Q. Encouragement from some of the gallery? I'm sure they were trying to will you to a better place.

MATTHEW VOGT: As the week went on -- I actually hit it pretty good the last couple of days. As the week went on, you kind of just have to get in your own bubble a little bit.

Yeah, with little knots like this, you hear things. It's really neat to have all that support.

Q. You had your family and friends?

MATTHEW VOGT: Again, I was just trying to stay in a bubble. I saw my wife a few times. I saw my mom the one time. There's a lot of family and friends out there.

Again, I think it's -- the score is what it is. We hope to learn from it, hope to enjoy the experience and build on it from a golf standpoint.

Q. Matt, what's it been like to have Kevin on your bag this week?

MATTHEW VOGT: He's the best. He's the best. We kind of got to know each other from playing in the '21 Am. We now share the bond of losing our fathers sooner than we would have liked. We're part of that club together, a club that no one wants to be a part of.

He's great. I think honestly both of our heads were spinning a little bit. You get to a point when you're playing like that, that it just kind of feels fruitless at times. It's been great, though. I've been staying with him all week. He's become one of my best friends. I think we'll both learn from it too.

We play a decent amount of tournaments, like best ball tournaments together. We'll always share this. I'm very

grateful, very, very grateful for him this week because he's been kind of my right hand man. So it's been a blast.

Q. When's the last time you had a 6:45 a.m. tee time?

MATTHEW VOGT: Oh, my gosh. Like the U.S. Am was at 7:00 or something, first tee ball at the U.S. Am. I can't tell you. That might be the earliest tee time I've ever had, yeah, up at 3:45, earlier actually. It's early.

Q. Was it tough to adjust to that at all?

MATTHEW VOGT: Yeah, a little bit. I felt kind of tired there on the back nine. It's tough to know how you'll feel a lot of the time. You have the nerves and kind of that nervous energy, feeling kind of amped up. Yeah, it was pretty tough to adjust. Again, no excuses at all, no excuses.

Q. Did the nerves go away, or did they stay with you?

MATTHEW VOGT: I settled in for like a little bit of time there on some of the shots.

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