

Truist Championship

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Quail Hollow Club

Matt McCarty

Quick Quotes

Q. Pretty good day out there. A lot of stuff went right. Talk about it.

MATT McCARTY: Yeah, been playing some good golf for the last few weeks. Kind of haven't been able to put together a round of golf of the so obviously that kind of happened today. Yeah, played really good. I wasn't hitting it that great early but you make a bunch of 50-plus footers and it kind of gets your day going. Hit it a lot better on the back nine and nice to get a few coming home for sure.

Q. What was it like when the 50 footers just started going in?

MATT McCARTY: Yeah, I don't know, I think you just like I spend a lot of time the last couple days lag putting on these greens because you know you're going to have a lot of club in and not be as close as normal. I guess that kind of paid off. Honestly, I felt like they were a little too quick for me so I think this rain slowed 'em down to a perfect amount.

Q. How about the finish, that shot on 9, amazing shot, but obviously --

MATT McCARTY: Yeah, I mean, I feel really bad about that. Like, just didn't see those guys. I mean, Chandler and Bud didn't see 'em either. So I guess I just kind of hit it in there. But yeah, you never want to hit into anybody, but I'm glad I didn't push it and actually hit somebody and that I hit it to a couple feet. It was a good finish, but yeah, maybe just moving a little fast with the storm coming in and didn't take that extra second to look. But I guess it is what it is. I hope they aren't too upset with me.

Q. Overall, are you pretty confident with your putting game? Like, this wasn't -- today just a lot of 'em went in, but overall your putting --

MATT McCARTY: No, yeah, I've been putting pretty good for the last couple years. Feel like it's normally a strength of my game, and honestly this year I feel like I haven't been able to pop the top off it any round so far. I don't know if I,



you know, I was more expecting to putt well and make a bunch of 12-, 15-, 20-footers maybe, not exactly that, but, yeah, no, it was a good day and felt good out there and it was nice to kind of put it all together and on the greens especially.

Q. Haven't played the Truist here, played the PGA, not a ton of rounds here. Feeling more comfortable obviously this week?

MATT McCARTY: Yeah, I think like for me this year, year two out here, seeing some of these places for the second time has been nice. Now being in the Signature Events for my first time this year it feels like I've been playing a lot of places that are new. So it's nice to come back -- and this is week six in a row for me, so Tuesday and Wednesday to be comfortable with the course and not have to kind of do all that extra work that went into the PGA last year. But yeah, I mean, it was wet and kind of soft out here for that last year, so I had this rain that kind of made it feel a little bit more comfortable. I think the next couple days this place was basically as firm as I've seen any golf, firm and fast as I've seen any place Monday and Tuesday. So it's definitely underneath there if this rain holds off. So it will be a good challenge and yeah, it was a good start.

Q. You mentioned this was week six in a row. Does that weigh on you having to play that many weeks in a row?

MATT McCARTY: A little bit. We're getting tired. It's just a little bit more effort taking care of the body at the end of the day and everything. I'm happy to be in these fields and be able to have the opportunity to keep playing out here. Yeah, it's been good. Only two years removed from Korn Ferry Tour playing 14 out of 15 weeks so, it kind of feels a little bit more normal for me. Yeah, I've just been doing a good job of taking it one day at a time and just kind of not looking too far ahead in the future. I think that's something that early in the year after a good start and then getting into Pebble and Riv I was kind of like looking forward and trying to worry about getting into the Signature Events and not just focused on that day and that week that I had in front of me. I think I've done a lot better of a job of that the last month and I think I'm playing better golf because of it.

Q. Speaking of those six weeks in a row, you've improved every week and you're coming in four



straight top-25 finishes. Talk about the confidence level that you have right now.

MATT McCARTY: Yeah, I feel good. The game's kind of been feel like I'm moving in the right direction and not beating myself up too much for the mistakes I do make. Been making a lot of birdies. Last week I played great, I made a ton of birdies, and just kind of had too many 3-putts and some mistakes in there. Yeah, I think like I said, just like year two out here, getting a little bit more comfortable with everything that's going on. Feeling like that week I took off before Valero to kind of get ready for the Masters, honestly, I kind of spent a lot of probably as much time with my coach as I've ever spent in the span of five or six days, and kind of really just got back to basics and pounded the ground a little bit. It's kind of working. Yeah, feeling good.

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