

# U.S. Senior Open Championship

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Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, USA  
Saucon Valley C.C. (Old Course)

## Rocco Mediate

### Quick Quotes

THE MODERATOR: Rocco Mediate, even-par 71. Rocco, even par today and you're T2. Is that a testament to how hard the course is playing?

ROCCO MEDIATE: The golf course, yeah, I got off to a ridiculously good start, which is good. Would I like to have went through another round -- I'm not that crazy thinking I won't make any bogeys.

I didn't think ever really after yesterday that I wouldn't make bogey on a hole again, but that happened -- took me 25 holes. Murph goes, if we'd have told you Wednesday, I went, I'm good.

Yeah, no, the golf course is good. It's supposed to be -- it's good. As it firms up, it will get even better.

#### Q. What do you need to do tomorrow?

ROCCO MEDIATE: Fairways and greens. Fairways. There's nothing else to say. Tomorrow, can I put it in the first fairway? Well, it's a par-5. If you miss the fairway even on the par-5s, you've got issues. So it's good.

#### Q. You mentioned yesterday loving the draw of late-early.

ROCCO MEDIATE: I got lucky, yeah.

#### Q. Is that just something over time that your body has kind of adjusted?

ROCCO MEDIATE: Oh, that? Yeah, I always like to keep going. I feel like you keep going. Even though the next day, like today's an early start, but I never minded that. I never liked a lot of late-early starts, because you got to wait. I like to go. We got lucky on the draw because of the weather obviously.

#### Q. If you have a bad round as a late draw, then you turn around the next morning and you're still good?



ROCCO MEDIATE: Yeah, I know. I don't even think about that part because that's happened a lot, too. I'd just rather keep going and see if something -- if you're playing good you feel like you never stop. It's the waiting that I hate.

#### Q. We heard a few, let's go Rocco out there today. Can you talk about the fan support?

ROCCO MEDIATE: They're great. I'm from Greensburg, so it's four hours. Four hours? These two yo-yos are from Greensburg, too. It's great. I hear a lot of it. This is home.

By the way, I told you guys on Wednesday, not Jacksonville, Florida. I don't know where you got me from Jacksonville, Florida. I'm yelling you at you. I'm from Greensburg, PA.

I've got to tell them tonight. I told them on Wednesday. I'm not going to yell. I'm going to say, would you change me to Greensburg, PA. Yeah, it's great being home. It is.

#### Q. How good does it feel being in contention going into the weekend?

ROCCO MEDIATE: It's good to feel uncomfortably comfortable. It's what you want to feel. Regardless of what happens, the feeling on the 1st tee tomorrow, whatever time I tee off, will be cool.

You want to feel like, ahh, I got to go here. You want to feel that, and I haven't felt it in a while.

I felt great today. I really did. It was nervy, but I just trusted what I'm doing. It worked most of the time. Most of the time.

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