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Matthew Wolff

Quick Quotes

Q. Okay, Matthew, dramatic comeback. Were you ready to do that at the end?

MATTHEW WOLFF: You know, I can't go without a fight. I was playing pretty good all day. Just making a lot of pars. Putter wasn't really cooperating in the beginning, and he was draining a lot of putts. But I knew that: I still could give him a run for his money.

Coming down the stretch, he put it in the water on 17 when he was dormie, so that was big. Went a little aggressive with driver on 18, but, you know, ended up birdieing that hole. So it kind of clicked at the end.

Q. Tell me about that up-and-down on 18?

MATTHEW WOLFF: I had about 15 yards to the downslope of the green, and I had about 30 feet of green to work with. I had a pretty good lie in the rough, so I was looking to land it on the back edge of the green and let it trickle to the hole. Caught a little too much ball and flew it a little too far. So I had about 15, 18 feet for birdie.

But I knew exactly what it was doing, it was just breaking a little left. Played it about half a cup out, and I was pretty confident that, I mean, they were going to drop eventually, because I was putting good strokes on it all day. So I just told myself, pick a line, commit, and do what you know how to do, and it went in.

Q. What did you hit to the front -- on your approach shot on 1?

MATTHEW WOLFF: On 1, I hit 7-iron from 226. Really far downwind, and it was only 203 to carry the bunker. Especially with these greens, they got really hot and firmed up throughout the day. So I knew that I just had to just get it over the bunker, and pulled it a little.

But, luckily, I mean, he put it in the left bunker, so it was a really hard up and down. And I put it just left side of the green, and two-putted. So it was enough.

Q. How long was that second putt?

MATTHEW WOLFF: It was about eight feet. I had about 20, 25 feet for my first putt, and nerves kind of got to me. Decelerated a little bit. But like I said, I felt pretty confident with that second putt. It was straight up the hill, just left edge, and I made it.



Q. What was racing through your mind through the first eight holes? He's 3-up, he's making birdies.

MATTHEW WOLFF: I mean, just keep playing solid. I knew birdies would come for me. I've been birdieing a lot of holes all week, and just stick to my game plan. Be aggressive. Don't let them like -- not faze me, but he's a really good player. So I just knew that I had to keep on plucking away plucking away, and towards the end, it went in my favor a little bit, so I was fortunate.

Q. What's it mean to you to get to the quarter finals now?

MATTHEW WOLFF: It means a lot. I didn't play last year, and I played at the Colleton River in 2015, and I lost in the round of 16. So kind of wanted to make it past there, and fortunately I did. This was such a good tournament with so many great players.

I don't know, to make it this far is pretty good, but if you're on a roll, you've got to keep on going.

Q. With all this heat, any thoughts not pushing your own bag tomorrow and getting a caddie?

MATTHEW WOLFF: I've been thinking about it, but I might stick with what's working. I don't really feel -- I feel if I drink enough water and PowerAde and eat enough food, then I'm good. I've got a couple towels, so it keeps my hands dry from the sweat and everything.

I mean, this course can get a little hilly, but pushing the cart is not too hard. We'll see. The maybe I'll get one, but you never know.