U.S. Amateur Four-Ball Championship – Second Round of Stroke Play

Troy Vannucci/Vince Kwon – 13-under 128 (64-OM-64-PD—128)

STREAKY, 4 Birdies in a row on Saturday and start this round on Sunday with 3 straight birdies: The hole was looking big (Troy). Then we kind of got cold in the middle of the round (Vince)

TROY: We had prime scoring conditions at Pacific coming out at 7 o’clock in the morning. No wind. You can get after it a little bit.  We just played solid golf. Our putters went cold, but we were still giving ourselves looks [at birdie]. Fairways and greens and we snuck a few [birdies] coming in down the stretch [on Nos. 14, 17 and 18]. It was fun.

FIRST THREE HOLES: Basically wedges. It was nothing special (Troy)

Vince on 1: 120 to flag, 52-degree to 7 feet  
Troy on 2 had 63 yards in, wedge to 8 feet  
Vince on 3 hit 3-wood just over the green in two, flop wedge to 3 feet

Then 3 birdies on second nine

First time in the championship. First USGA event for both

Met at Little Mill Country Club in Marlton, N.J. Went to separate high schools. Kwon now at Huntingdon Valley in Pennsylvania. Met five years ago.

Kwon went to Cherry Hill East High in NJ; Vannucci from Memphis, Tenn. Neither player went to college. First Assembly Christian School

Vannucci works at American Athletic Track and Turf, sports surfaces for tennis, football fields, tracks. Any outside activity

Vince worked for his dad’s tile business, but now is a caddie at Philadelphia Cricket Club and at Merion.

BEING MEDALIST, DESPITE FACT TOP SEED HAS NEVER WON TITLE: Someone’s got to do it and [the streak] eventually has to be broken. If we are medalists that’s great. It’s an honor (Vannucci)

We’ve been playing well coming in. We were just trying to get settled in, calm the nerves and just hit shots. That’s all you’ve got to do. Play golf.