

**ROUND 4 QUICK QUOTES**  
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**DENNY McCARTHY ( -20, lost in playoff)**

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**Q. Denny, I know how disappointed you are, incredible back nine, but just sort of recap the entire day and then also the finish there at the last.**

**DENNY McCARTHY:** Yeah, it was an amazing day obviously. I got off to a little bit of a slow start. Akshay birdied, what was it, four of the first five or four of the first six, something like that. I missed some early opportunities, I didn't really put much pressure on him early.

Then, you know, I just was trying to stack shots together. I was just trying to kind of continue what I have been doing all week and just strung together a lot of really good shots, a lot of good putts. They were falling. I kind of just got in my own little world out there, got in the zone and was able to put a little pressure on him on the back.

He played great, he shot 5 under today with the lead. He came out aggressive, swinging with driver, he drove the ball great.

Wish I could have had that wedge shot back there. I backed off a couple times. There was a bug on my ball and some noise in the stands and a bug jumped back on my ball. I probably should have backed away again, but I thought I could kind of not let it distract me and maybe it did a little. Maybe a learning experience for me, but all in all I handled myself really well today.

**Q. Denny, you mentioned the zone. I'm curious, what is that for you? You're one of the elite putters in the entire world. What does the zone feel like?**

**DENNY McCARTHY:** I think just really sticking to my process and committing to each shot and not really caring where it goes. I know that the work that I've put in, I'm hitting the ball really nice, chipping and putting really nice. Just kind of committing to my process and freeing it up and not really caring where it goes. I did that really well all week, especially today also, Sunday afternoon, last group.

It stings right now, but I found a lot of good things in my game this week mentally and physically, so I'm looking forward to the rest of the year.

**Q. How difficult or challenging is it to stay in the zone from 12 on?**

**DENNY McCARTHY:** Yeah, I mean, it definitely is. Yeah, there's a lot of -- you know, it was slow all week, the pace of play. It's that kind of a golf course, it's a tricky golf course with a lot of trouble. There was some waits, but I was used to -- it happened on all three days, so I was able to kind of just stay patient. Brendon Todd's a good buddy of mine, just talk to him



and my caddie a little bit.

Like I said, just kind of hitting the shots, sticking to my process, hitting the shot and moving on and keep doing that. The putter felt great in my hands all week. Obviously it felt great in my hands again today. It was a great day. It sucks that it had to end like that, but just got to move forward.

**Q. What's your mindset now going into Augusta?**

**DENNY McCARTHY:** I feel like I'm playing well enough to win the tournament. Obviously you get in the heat of battle there, might be a little bit different kind of pressure, pressure that I've maybe never experienced, but I'd like to put myself there to see what it's like. I think this week was a good test for that. You know, I really like how I handled myself physically and mentally this week, and I love that golf course. I've played it four or five times over the last month and a half. I feel like I've gotten some good prep work in, so I'm excited to play it.

