

ROUND 2 INTERVIEW
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ROCCO MEDIATE

Q. So 8-under par today. Talk about your round.

ROCCO MEDIATE: Solid. A lot of chances. Made my putt really good today. Have to obviously.

Q. Sure.

ROCCO MEDIATE: And then that was a little bonus on the last pitching in the hole and out of the bunker, but four or five is even good the way I hit it all day, so it was good.

Q. Two strokes off the lead right now going into tomorrow.

ROCCO MEDIATE: Just see what happens tomorrow. That's all I want to do is have a chance. It's good to -- out here if you have a round like I did yesterday, which is mediocre at best, 1-under, you have to have something stupid to win the week, to get back in it and today was that day.

Q. Five birdies?

ROCCO MEDIATE: Yeah, solid, real solid, good putts, pretty close to the hole, but just solid. Couple good up and down on five maybe, pitched it up there. So, yeah, those things, made a good par putt on the par 5 and divot, laid up on the divot, that's how it goes. Those are momentum shots. I know it was only a five, but it could have easily been a six. Those things keep you going. It was good, good guys playing with, dear friends and we had a blast.

Q. One quick thing. You know, they changed the rules for the U.S. Open in the playoffs now?

ROCCO MEDIATE: Yeah, I already said it's the stupidest rule I've ever heard in my life. Every major should have 18 holes. Well, it's about the TV. Well, since when were U.S. Opens decided because of television. It's terrible, but I'm not the ruling body. I love the USGA, don't get me wrong, but 18 holes, every major should have 18 holes. Some of them used to be 36 in the old days, so I mean that's insane, but 18 holes for sure. You definitely have -- not that the other champions aren't true either. Now that we know it's a two-hole playoff, you win if you win the two holes, but I still think you should have 18 holes.

Q. Because then you played in one of the most --

ROCCO MEDIATE: It was a good one, yeah. Sometimes they're not that. Sometimes that's the hard part about an 18-hole playoff. That's why I think they should have them because a guy plays and all the sudden he comes out for the playoff, could be a whole different ball game. You have to have it in five days instead of four. That's all right. Like I said, I'm not -- I know nothing of -- I know they did it probably because they wanted to have the champion on Sunday. I understand that too but not for majors, sorry. I want 18 holes on all of them. Then we can watch more golf.