



U.S. Amateur Four-Ball

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Desert Mountain Club, Scottsdale, Ariz.

First Round (Cochise Course)

Jeremy Defalco & Bryan Hoops

Q. Arizona guys, it's a home game for you Bryan, what was the experience like teeing it up in a USGA championship in your home state?

Hoops: "Rare. There haven't been that many. The mid-am up north a long time ago. It was fun today, we still have a little bit of a drive to get here in the mornings but good to sleep in your own bed, staying close, knowing the weather. It's not too bad out here."

Q. You've played a lot of desert golf together, what was it like playing that type of golf at a USGA championship?

Defalco: "Target golf. Greens were softer a couple days ago. Playing today the greens have firmed up a lot. You're starting to get balls bouncing and run outs. It's going to firm up. Contrary to popular belief, the desert is not flat. That was a stern walk today."

Q: You were 6-under on the back with no bogeys, what was the difference when you guys made the turn?

Defalco: "We started out slow. I hit it tight probably three out of the first four holes. I made one and had a few shaky putts that

just didn't go in. We took advantage of what we had."

Q: What was the best part of your games today?

Defalco: "We ham and egged it pretty good. We should have birdied a couple of holes, I couldn't make a couple of two-footers, so he got those for me."

Hoops: "We both gave ourselves a lot of chances and a lot of looks, it was really not a stressful day. We had one dumb bogey, that was it."