



U.S. Amateur Four-Ball

May 18, 2026

Desert Mountain Club, Scottsdale, Ariz.

Round of 32 (Cochise Course)

Jeremy Defalco & Bryan Hoops

Q. Started off really hot and kept the foot down, how did you guys get off to the fast start?

Defalco: “Two birdies in the first two holes got us off to a comfortable start and you can kind of relax a little bit. Didn’t have to putt on No. 1, hit it to about six inches, then made a pretty good putt on No. 2, 20 feet or so that settled the nerves and get you going on a roll from there.”

Q. With this being first round of match play, how does the mindset change for today going head-to-head?

Defalco: I’m going first, so my thought is always to put something up there. Then put it in the 20-30-40 foot range so he can take a shot at it, because obviously if one of us is in play, if I’m in play, I’m on the green, he can go at it and get close.”

Hoops: “We stick to that. We like the keeping two of us in there, we don’t like the gamble. If we’re 270 out and hitting to a small target, we’re not taking that gamble. We’d rather have two good looks on the green so we can give each other feedback. That’s always going to stay the same, whether it’s stroke or match play.”