



U.S. Amateur Four-Ball

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Desert Mountain Club, Scottsdale, Ariz.

Round of 32 (Cochise Course)

Drew Kittleson & Drew Stoltz

Q. Your opponent made it out of the playoff in the early morning and had some momentum on their side going into the match. What did you see early on from them?

Stoltz: “There’s always a playoff to get into the final couple spots. If you make it out of that, you’re already riding high. Now we get bonus golf. I didn’t necessarily see anything early on, but I said something to Drew (Kittleson) dude, we got to look out for these guys. They were playing with house money almost. They were ready to get on a plane yesterday and now they’re in a match. It starts at zero, doesn’t matter if you beat them by 15 in stroke play, it’s a match. It’s 18 holes of golf so anything can happen.”

Q. You guys have played in five of these, have you ever had a match like that?

Kittleson: “We’ve had some tight matches before.”

Stoltz: “It wasn’t even like they were doing anything weird, we could weather that storm and just be like hey, knock a putt in, it was a no harm no foul type of deal. It was like the perfect storm of good chip, miss an 8-footer, or we have two looks from 10-feet, and they

make it from 25-feet and neither of us make it. The odds on some of the stuff we had some losses on some holes that shouldn’t have been losses. Props to them, they hit shots, up and downs, chipped in, hats off to them.

Q. Have you ever seen anything like on No. 18 when both of your opponents hit the pin on chips around the green?

Stoltz: It would’ve been weird if it hadn’t already been happening.

Kittleson: “That was par for the course.”

Q. Did anything change strategy-wise as you guys were coming down the stretch?

Kittleson: “Normal game plan wise, but we just didn’t play like we did the last couple days. Probably more me than him. It was fine, not hit it in the desert or anything weird but just not converting some of the birdies.

Stoltz: “We had a little less offense. We left more out there than any other day.”