

**ROUND 2 QUICK QUOTES**  
**July 24, 2026**

**MUZZY DONOHUE (-6)**



**Q. How would you describe kind of the scenes out there, walking 18 with the big gallery and playing so well?**

**MUZZY DONOHUE:** It was unreal. It's hard to put words to it. I mean, I've never really experienced this before. This is my first PGA TOUR event.

I mean, the most fans I've had watching are maybe 50, probably 50 at the State Open a few weeks ago. I just kind of tried to stay between the ropes and focus on what I could control. My caddie did a really good job of kind of keeping me present.

Yeah, my grandma was definitely with me this week, too. Or today, today. Yesterday she left me for the first 10 holes or so, then she kind of came into play. Yeah, she's looking down on me and looking out for me. It was a good day.

**Q. Yeah, you mentioned a couple days ago that you were going to feel a lot of emotion this week. What have the first two rounds felt like with everything that's involved?**

**MUZZY DONOHUE:** It's been awesome being kind of the hometown kid, having a bunch of my friends come out and watch. It's definitely -- I'm not used to hearing some roars for the birdie putts dropping, so that's super fun for me.

Then yeah, a couple of my college buddies came out, flew out from Boston and came to watch, too. I mean, it's really cool to see all the support.

**Q. What were your nerves and emotions like in the middle of the round and then coming down the stretch?**

**MUZZY DONOHUE:** Yeah, they were definitely there. I think kind of on the back nine I was in a really good groove and the putts were dropping and everything was kind of going my way. I think I made the turn at 6.

Then it kind of came -- was thinking about making the cut, thinking about hitting it in the water on 2. I did that once in Round 1 and I almost did it again on my provisional shot, so that was a big tee ball to kind of get out of the way.

Then I felt like I was protecting a little bit on maybe 5 and 6. I took a pretty conservative approach or layup shot on No. 6, I wasn't really committed to it, left myself in kind of a tricky situation. I was leaning on my putter a lot today and I kind of had all those 40- to 60-footers,



we put them into good range between three and five feet and I was making them.

**Q. How would you describe this sort of day given what you achieved here compared to winning just a few weeks ago at the Minnesota State Open?**

**MUZZY DONOHUE:** Yeah, I think I can draw a lot of comparisons. Definitely like the crowds and doing my best to stay in a moment. Stay away from those thoughts that bring me into the past whether I hit a bad one or thinking about making the cut or the future or what else is going to happen if I keep playing well.

So, it's really all the same, it comes back to process. That's kind of been our keyword. Me and Harrison, my caddie. That kind of gets me back into the moment and helps me just focus on what I can control and then let everything work out from there.

**Q. Harrison's your cousin you mentioned the other day?**

**MUZZY DONOHUE:** Yes, yes, he is.

**Q. What sort of calming influence has he been?**

**MUZZY DONOHUE:** He's been awesome. He knows like very little about golf. He tells you he knows a little bit, but he knows even less than that. He's been purely just like the vibes guy.

I've been getting my yardages and stuff, which is a little adjustment. I haven't been super comfortable trusting my yardages, particularly on holes like 17 and 18 where there's water short. I've been clubbing up probably a little bit more than I should and playing it a little safer.

But it's been great having him on the bag. He just gets my mind off golf. I can kind of be a little bit of an over analyzer, so the less I think about golf the better for me.

**Q. Is there an example, did he tell you anything specific coming down the stretch that kind of stuck with you?**

**MUZZY DONOHUE:** Maybe some stuff not for the camera. There's some funny high school stories, stuff like that. We've been talking about our grandma and how she's been with us. She passed away on Monday so that's been really hard for the family. But it's nice to kind of have everyone together. Yeah, it's been great.

**Q. Do you think there was maybe some divine intervention there today and maybe the rest of the weekend?**

**MUZZY DONOHUE:** Yes, 100 percent. Hopefully she's not sick of me and will stick around the next couple days.



**Q. Talk about the last hole. What happened on that last hole?**

**MUZZY DONOHUE:** I had 171. I clubbed up a little bit, there was wind in off the right, tried to hit a 7-iron and I kind of chunked it a little bit, left it short of the green. I actually left it in a pretty good spot. Chipped it up there to three feet and then kind of woke up from my blackout and missed the putt. But that's all right, it happens. I'm happy to move on from it because it was such a good day obviously.

**Q. What was the golf goal this week? Was it just to make the cut because you've blown by that?**

**MUZZY DONOHUE:** Yeah, I've been asked this a few times this week. I think if I tried to put like an outcome-based goal in my mind, then if it is to make the cut, then a lot of the time I teeter right around it. It kind of limits myself.

Like I would hypothesize that if I thought, OK, let's make the cut this week, I would have been thinking about the cut being at 3 or 4 under and once I got there, maybe I make the turn and start to get a little nervous and a little fearful, then make a couple bogeys instead of making a couple more birdies.

**Q. You were a hockey player, right, I believe growing up? Can you just share your background in golf and how you kind of got into it and when?**

**MUZZY DONOHUE:** Yeah, I played golf since I can remember. I grew up on a golf course, hole No. 10 on North Oaks. So, I would go out there at twilight and play 10, 11, 10, 11. That was kind of my little loop.

Then kind of going through high school it would depend on the season which sport was my favorite. In the winter it would be hockey season and I wouldn't really worry about golf. I wouldn't hit too many balls inside, I wouldn't go down south and play tournaments. Then summer was the golf time.

I think that probably stunted my development a little bit in terms of golf skill, but I think it also built a lot of other skills and maybe made me a little bit more well-rounded. Then come college I really started to focus on golf.

**Q. Are there a lot of STA guys out there walking?**

**MUZZY DONOHUE:** There's a lot of them, yeah. It's pretty cool seeing some high schoolers come up and say they were from STA, then I would sign my autograph for them, sign their hat or whatever. Yeah, it's pretty cool to have all that support.

**Q. I don't want to get too far ahead, but with a good weekend, what do you think that could do for you going forward in this game?**



**MUZZY DONOHUE:** Yeah, it gives me loads of confidence, for sure. I had a rough few months on the mini tours. I played poorly at PGA Americas Q-School final round. I was in a qualifying spot. Then I kind of had a run of like four missed cuts on the mini tours in a row and that was pretty hard for me to deal with. I felt like my game was in a pretty good spot but I wasn't totally getting the results.

So, it's nice to kind of see the hard work continue to pay off. Obviously, it did a couple of weeks ago and that kind of catapulted this.

I have no idea. I mean, obviously I would love to continue to play on the PGA TOUR if I play well this weekend, but I'm just going to take it day by day and see what happens.

**Q. Have you had any specific interactions with some of the players out here that you didn't expect to have those interactions with that are sort of memorable?**

**MUZZY DONOHUE:** Yeah, I think it's -- I haven't been going totally blind this week. I have a couple of the guys I play with back home at Sea Island, Steven Fisk is a big one, he kind of sat me down on Wednesday and gave me a little pep talk and told me that I belong here and that they're all just normal guys out here. I felt like I was getting pretty intimidated by all the big names, seeing all those guys on TV all the time, but he really calmed me down. He gave me that advice to stay in the ropes, too, which is pretty cool.

Yeah, I mean, it's been awesome being able to be in the same locker room as all these guys. I look up to a lot of them, so it's cool.

**Q. Was there just one moment out there where you kind of got the hair standing on the back of your neck at some point?**

**MUZZY DONOHUE:** There were a few of them. Yeah, it seemed like I would push a putt and I misread it so it would go in and then I pulled one and same thing.

Yeah, I was definitely feeling good out there. It was again cool to hear all the support and give all those high-fives to the little kids that are following along and stuff.

**Q. How are you going to spend this evening before you tee it up again tomorrow?**

**MUZZY DONOHUE:** I think I've got some family time this afternoon. Maybe go do a little sauna, cold plunge, something like that. Hang out with the cousins and stuff, that will be fun.

**Q. Will they all be out here tomorrow supporting you, do you think?**

**MUZZY DONOHUE:** Yeah, I hope so, yeah.

**Q. What was your grandma's name?**



**MUZZY DONOHUE:** It was Marcey. M-A-R-C-E-Y, right? Yeah, I got a little ball marker so whenever I've been getting out of the present, I'll kind of rub it and that's been my grounding piece this week.

