

2026 CCGC 2-Person Best Ball Match Play
Quarterfinal Match
Asa Mulvey/Bill Dougherty vs Theron Roschen/Steve Pedretti
Castle Oaks Golf Club

This quarterfinal match took place at Capital Oaks Golf Club on July 6 under perfect weather conditions, no excuses for poor play other than skill level (or lack thereof...). Fresh off an upset victory over Winton and Ronnie, TJ and Steve were anxious to get off to a blazing start. Asa and Bill got no strokes in this match; TJ got one; Pedretti got 2. The big question for the day's match is whether TJ and Steve's schizophrenic scoring could match Asa and Bill's steady play.

First hole... TJ had found a rare blue ball in his range ball bucket, which he considered good luck (it must have come from a miniature golf course). He stole the ball (naturally) to assure a good day, though I suggested using a stolen range ball has to be a 2-stroke penalty. TJ's blue ball lasted only two or three shots before finding water. Steve and Bill also found water on the opening hole. Steve and Bill opened with 9's, TJ an 8. Asa won the hole with the only respectable score, a bogey 6.

Hole 2: Bill immediately turned it around, getting a par 3 on the 2nd hole, easily topping Steve and TJ's 5 & 7. Asa/Bill 2-up after two holes.

Hole 3: TJ & Steve continued their poor play as a pair of bogeys by Asa & Bill beat Steve & TJ's 6 and 8.

Hole 4: Steve got his team's first score as good as bogey, only to be outdone by Asa's par 4. Asa and Bill were 4-up after four holes. The best we could say about Steve and TJ at this point is they had not injured themselves.

Hole 5: TJ and Steve finally won a hole when Steve managed to get a par 5, beating Bill's bogey 6. Asa/Bill 3-up.

Hole 6: Bill regained the momentum with a birdie 3 after his approach shot dropped close to the pin, easily beating the 6 & 8 Steve/TJ stumbled to.

Hole 7: Steve/TJ both got pops, which they used to their advantage. Steve and Bill both bogeyed but Steve netted a par to win the hole. Asa/Bill 3-up again.

Hole 8: Everyone had a bogey 4 for the first half of this round.

Hole 9: The momentum changed as Steve made a 50-foot birdie putt to win the hole over Bill's par. Asa/Bill 2-up at the turn. Of special note, TJ managed a year's worst 61 on the front nine, on the strength of many lost balls and five quadruple bogeys in the first six holes...

Hole 10: Steve follows up his miracle putt birdie with a quad 8, three-putting from the fringe about 15 feet from the pin – consistency is the key. TJ, Bill and Asa all score 6's to halve the hole.

Hole 11: Bill and TJ get par 3 to halve again.

Hole 12: TJ and Steve both par to beat Bill/Asa's pair of 6's. TJ made about a 10-footer and Steve holed a putt from about five feet off the green to earn a "chip-in." Asa/Bill 1-up.

Hole 13: Steve left a 35 ft birdie putt just on the lip, and Asa made par 5 as well. Hole halved.

Hole 14: Asa and TJ both bogey to keep Asa/Bill 1-up.

Hole 15: Both TJ and Steve bogey, but that's enough to square the match when Bill and Asa double bogey. Bill blames a call from his contractor for distracting him.

Hole 16: Steve misses a makeable birdie putt and Bill one putts to keep the match squared. Asa says Bill checked Porn Hub to reinvigorate his game after the contractor's call.

Hole 17: Bill, Asa, and TJ all bogeyed to keep the match squared going to the final hole.

Hole 18: Steve gets one stroke on the final hole, much to the chagrin of Bill and Asa. At TJ's urging, Steve plays it safe and avoids aiming at the landing area to the left that shortens the hole. He hits behind the ball but it rolls a decent distance. TJ's drive is off. Bill and Asa hit solid drives; Asa's shots go awry on his way to a closing 8. Bill hits a nice second shot but is short of the green. TJ takes four shots to get to the green. Steve is 200 yards out on his second shot, hits a 5-wood on to the front of the green. Bill chips on the green. Steve then lags a long putt within 2 feet, and sinks the next putt for par 4. Par wins the match outright when Bill two putts for bogey, no need to use the extra stroke.

So, Theron and Steve manage to win despite 6 and 3 quadruple bogeys, respectively. Clearly, it's better to be lucky than good.

Bill shoots 90, Steve 94, Asa 98, and TJ 109.