



INTERVIEW TRANSCRIPT: MICHAEL ALLEN & DAVID FROST
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DAVE SENKO: Well, David, maybe you can get us started, 63 today, 9-under, to go 10-under, you're 19, tied for the lead. Maybe just get us started, talk about your day. Looks like nine birdies in the first 13 holes and then parred the rest of the way.

DAVID FROST: We got off to a nice start like we did yesterday. I birdied the first two holes and kind of got the ball rolling there. We made some birdies where we were a little bit out of the hole. Michael had a great stretch in the middle of the golf course, and unfortunately we just didn't make any birdies coming in. This time of day I think the Bermuda gets a bit longer and the ball just doesn't quite roll as smoothly as it does earlier in the day. But I guess, you know, we're in good position. Rather be one ahead than one behind. Looking forward to tomorrow. I think we both had moments where we played well today.

DAVE SENKO: Michael, David was just talking about how you guys played today, maybe if you want to just add some thoughts to that.

MICHAEL ALLEN: Yeah. I think today was kind of a day with a little more momentum where David played just beautifully for, you know -- especially early, and again I played well late. I guess he's already said that, because that's all I heard before you got started early.

We had a good time out there. We were fighting. It was fun. Tom and Brad played very nicely, so we were, you know, just -- it was a nice competition out there. It was a good time.

DAVE SENKO: Your birdies, I know David said he made the first two. How about No. 4, the par 5, do you remember?

MICHAEL ALLEN: David made that one, too.

DAVID FROST: We both had a four-footer for birdie; I made mine first.

MICHAEL ALLEN: And he made a nice birdie on 7.

DAVID FROST: And then Michael made a great birdie on 8 from the back of the green --

MICHAEL ALLEN: I finally showed up.

DAVID FROST: From 25 feet. You finally showed up on 8 finally.

MICHAEL ALLEN: I was the par guy before that.

DAVID FROST: Then he went on a great run. I was out of the hole on 10 and he made a six-footer for birdie there. You two-putted for birdie on 11. Hit a great iron into about six feet on 12. Then he had an eagle opportunity on 13, and then he missed a short birdie putt on 15 -- 14 at least. We just burnt the edge the last five holes.

MICHAEL ALLEN: They're tough greens. You had a good putt on 15.

DAVID FROST: Yeah. 18 was kind of tough. I should have made --

MICHAEL ALLEN: Yeah, two guys in front of you, yeah.

DAVID FROST: Yeah, it's just nice generally to just have a good mate to play out there with. We kind of understand each other. You really just accept what the other guy does. You know he's going to come into play when you're out and you know you're going to play well on a few holes, and hopefully you don't play the same holes badly. That's the only question mark out there. You know, we've been -- the holes I've been out, he's been in and vice versa, so that's the key out here.

MICHAEL ALLEN: That's why we're a team.

Q. Considering the way you played the last few holes yesterday and today, are you going to make -- come up with a different strategy or a tack tomorrow with the tournament maybe hanging in the balance? Maybe the pin placement will be different but generally the hole will be --

MICHAEL ALLEN: Hopefully I can inspire David to really get going on the front 9 so I don't have too much pressure. But the back 9 I think is a little tougher to make birdies. Certainly the front 9, certainly for us so far, we've done better on the front, but we're close to making birdies on every hole out there. I know we can birdie every hole out there between the two of us, so I think, you know, obviously tomorrow we have to come out and get going because everybody's close, so it's going to be a shootout. You need to get some birdies going, get some momentum just to get comfortable to keep making birdies.

Q. Your thoughts on the strategy for the (inaudible holes)?

DAVID FROST: I feel comfortable that Michael tees off first and he's always in position, then I can be a little more aggressive. And then hopefully I hit a good shot and it takes the pressure off him again, which I kind of did coming in. It was just hard, the wind was in an awkward angle coming in 15, 16, 17 and 18, and it just was hard to get the ball close to the hole. But that's kind of how I feel. I feel comfortable because he's ahead and he's confident in his game right now, maybe take a bit of pressure off him.

Q. (inaudible) hole it from the fairway?

MICHAEL ALLEN: Guys are making shots all over here, huh?

DAVID FROST: Yeah, maybe it's our turn tomorrow.

MICHAEL ALLEN: It's about time.

Q. Playing with the leaders from the get-go today, does that help or hurt or affect you in any way to have the guys who are leading right with you?

DAVID FROST: It definitely gives you something to go for, you know. My attitude's always been once you're behind, catch the guy, and once you're ahead, try to go further ahead.

MICHAEL ALLEN: I personally enjoy it. I mean, it's nice to be there, see what you need to be doing. It means you're playing well and where you want to be and where you should be.

Q. David, there was a stretch on 9 and 10 where the driver was fighting you a little bit and you weren't a happy camper. How did you get that back, because by the time you came around here you were hitting it down the middle again?

DAVID FROST: Yeah, I was missing a couple drives to the left and I just decided to alter my posture after the 10th hole and I hit all good drives coming in from there. You know, you kind of have to be stupid to play this game. Don't just -- force yourself to forget what happened back there and make like everything was good. Someone said you don't have to be stupid to play this game but it helps. That's what I just did. I just kept thinking of the good things that I can do rather than what I've done wrong. It's also easier to change something, you know, in a little way knowing that you have a partner that you can rely on if it doesn't work.

MICHAEL ALLEN: And he only has 2,500 things in his mind to draw upon from his years of experience.