

**ROUND 1 INTERVIEW TRANSCRIPT:  
SEAN O'HAIR & KENNY PERRY  
Friday, December 13, 2013**



**DAVE SENKO:** Just talk about your day and get some thoughts and we'll go through your birdies and then we'll get questions.

**KENNY PERRY:** It was a fun day for me. When he poured it in from about 15 feet on the 1st hole I knew it was going to be a good day for us. We played nicely. We were never in any trouble. We had a great chance to really go low today and better than 8-under, but that's okay. I mean, alternate shot is a tough format. To me it's my favorite format. I love it more than any format of all the three. So, you know, you can lose it. If we get off to a crummy start it's hard to catch up with best ball and scramble coming up. So we're in great position if we just keep doing what we're doing. I'm looking forward to the weekend, the next two days.

**SEAN O'HAIR:** Yeah, I kind of agree with Kenny, I think we kind of ham and egged it pretty well today. He was just so straight off the tee and just kind of allowed me to swing it as far as I could, you know, for my tee shots and just try to get down there as far as I could. Early I was a little sketchy with the driver, I was hitting it all over the place, but after the first, you know, four, five holes, I kind of started settling down and started getting in the fairway and concentrated on using my tee shot, which was nice because that's kind of what I bring to the table, you know? It was nice to make a few putts.

**KENNY PERRY:** Yeah, but you putted good today, too.

**SEAN O'HAIR:** I putted nicely today and Kenny made a lot of nice putts, too. I really felt like we could have gone a lot lower. He's playing so good and kind of gives me confidence just to go out there and play. That's what I remember from last year is just Kenny's game was so steady, just kind of let me just free it up. It's kind of like playing with two balls when you're practicing, you're always better with player B than you are with player A, and it always feels like with him I can just be player B all the time and just play super, super aggressive. I enjoy playing aggressive golf, so it's fun.

**DAVE SENKO:** Birdies, you mentioned 1. Who made the putt on 4?

**KENNY PERRY:** He did, Sean did. He hit a drive so far I had 85 yards to the hole and I hit it to about four feet and he knocked it in.

**DAVE SENKO:** And the par 3, No. 8?

**KENNY PERRY:** He hit a beautiful pitching wedge. I made the putt. He probably hit it eight feet left of the hole, six feet, and I was able to get that one in.

**DAVE SENKO:** And then No. 11?

**KENNY PERRY:** He hit a drive so far on 11 it was incredible. From my ball we had 146 yards, from his ball I had 88. I had an 88-yard sand wedge shot. That was amazing. So I just flipped a little sand wedge, it was actually a little long, and he made a beautiful putt there, probably made a 15-footer.

**SEAN O'HAIR:** Yeah, that was the best putt of the day for me there.

**DAVE SENKO:** Then you made four in a row, 13 through 16.

**KENNY PERRY:** I clanked it off the stick with a second shot sand wedge, it almost went in.

**SEAN O'HAIR:** I don't know how it didn't go in.

**KENNY PERRY:** It was an inch from the hole. Then he killed a drive on the next par 5, 14. I hit hybrid, I had 232 and the wind was right to left. I hit a beautiful hybrid, I aimed it in the right bunker and it never hooked, and then he hit a beautiful little splash bunker shot to about two feet. Then the next hole I made a bomb, I made about a 25-footer for birdie on the next hole.

**SEAN O'HAIR:** Then he hit a good what, 5 iron?

**KENNY PERRY:** 16 I hit a 5 iron to about four, five feet and he rolled that one in, two feet, whatever, three feet, something like that.

**SEAN O'HAIR:** I thought we got hosed on 17. I hit --

**KENNY PERRY:** I had 182 yards, I hit a 6 iron for my second shot on 17, it landed a foot from the hole to the right of the flag and it goes off the green down the swale into the junk down there. I couldn't believe it. We got hosed, that was a rip-off.

**Q. Did like some of the feelings from last year come back?**

**KENNY PERRY:** I actually thought this round was almost identical to our start -- I don't know what we shot our first round last year, but it was like deja vu to me. It felt very similar, the opening round.

**SEAN O'HAIR:** Yeah, I agree. I think I'm putting a little bit better than I did last year. I struggled a little bit on the greens.

**KENNY PERRY:** We shot the same score last year?

**DAVE SENKO:** Yeah.

**KENNY PERRY:** There we go, deja vu.

**SEAN O'HAIR:** I think he's playing -- he played well last year but he's obviously playing great this year and just I don't quite have the confidence I did last year but he's giving me that confidence.

**KENNY PERRY:** I've got to coach him up a little bit.

**SEAN O'HAIR:** It's kind of nice, I've got a sports psych out there.

**Q. You guys make such a good pairing, it seems like you've mastered the concept of being able to play off each other's strengths. How easy has that been for you guys to identify what each role on this team per se is?**

**KENNY PERRY:** Well, when he hits it 350 and I hit it 290, it's a pretty easy to figure that role out. But our personalities are very similar, he's pretty laid back, I'm laid back, we're easygoing. We like a lot of the same stuff. He's got a great family, four kids, I've got three kids. We've just got a lot in common and it's just easy when you know somebody very well and you feel very comfortable with them to be able to go out and have a good time. I think that's, you know, what we've been enjoying each other's company, our golf's been showing it, we've been playing very relaxed golf. I think when you play stressed and uptight golf it shows in your scoring. But we're going to have a good time, we're going to have a good time tomorrow. And the scramble, I can't wait. I love it when he'll be able to get up there and hit with me from his tee ball. The scramble part we're going to have a huge advantage, so look forward to it.

**SEAN O'HAIR:** Yeah, I agree, I think our personalities are very similar and we get along well. As far as game wise is concerned, he just frees me up off the tee. I mean, I don't play like that where when I tee it up at a regular TOUR event I'm not swinging nearly as hard as I am off the tee now, but when he's down the middle 290 every time, why not? It's kind of fun, it's easy for me. It would be a lot more stressful if we were hitting it all over the place and then I had to get one down there and we're grinding.

**KENNY PERRY:** I didn't leave you solo, did I?

**SEAN O'HAIR:** He's just a great insurance policy. Just like every time you can just guarantee on it. And it was the same thing last year, so it makes it very easy for me, that's for sure.