

**ROUND 2 INTERVIEW TRANSCRIPT:
HARRIS ENGLISH & MATT KUCHAR
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DAVE SENKO: Well, Matt and Harris, 12-under 60 today and 20-under after two rounds. Maybe each of you just recap your day.

MATT KUCHAR: It was a great day. We finished incredibly. Got off to kind of a slow start. The wind picked up and it was tricky there for a few holes. We missed a couple opportunities for birdies early and it wasn't looking like things were going that great. We were playing alongside of Retief and Freddie Jac. They were making a bunch of birdies early. Awfully nice.

I think we knew things would turn around. Alternate shot yesterday is such a tricky format and things really got rolling for us on that back side, and again today we started on the 8th hole and birdied our way around all the way till 18, didn't mess up a hole until par on 18. So it was a spectacular finish.

DAVE SENKO: Harris?

HARRIS ENGLISH: Yeah, like Kooch said, we started kind of slow and he made a really good probably 20-footer on 8 and just kind of got the momentum going and that's what this team format's about, just get the momentum on your side and roll with it. Kooch got really hot on that back nine, just making it from everywhere, so I just kind of sat back and watched and enjoyed it. That was a lot of fun.

DAVE SENKO: Birdies, do you remember on the back nine?

MATT KUCHAR: Just go through all of them with an eagle on 14. It was quite a run. We started on 8, birdied 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, eagled 14, birdied 15, 16, 17 and had a great chance on 18. I had a nice approach into probably 18 feet. It looked really straight. I kind of saw a couple guys' putts at the end wiggle left at the end so I had a good feel for what it was going to do. The putt looked like it might slide a little right early and then left at the end. It was hanging inside the hole until it got to the hole. It just barely missed left. It was a nice effort anyway. Man, it was a pretty exciting. It really would have been an amazing way to cap off a day to finish with a birdie on 18, but certainly don't think we could do a whole lot better than what we did.

DAVE SENKO: How about the eagle, what was the sequence of shots on that?

MATT KUCHAR: It was a driver and then I had 245 to the front. I think the pin was 7-on, 252 to the hole. Hit a 3-wood that landed just short of the green and rolled up to probably five or six feet.

DAVE SENKO: Did you make any really long putts?

MATT KUCHAR: There was a fun one on the par 3 16. Harris' caddie kind of said, Well, you guys have pretty much had the whole thing covered, you just haven't made one from off the green yet. Harris came up just short right, I came up just a little long left, both on the fringe. Harris made a great effort that just missed. I again had a putt similar to 18, a little bit downhill but not a whole lot of break. I think you stand a decent chance of making the putts even if they're fast, putts without a whole lot of break you stand a better chance of making. I just got it started on a good line and it went in. I think Freddie and Retief looked up in disbelief that our birdie streak was continuing. It kind of looked like it would come to an end at that point and that was about a 35-, 30-footer, somewhere in that range.

Q. What happened on 8 that kind of got you guys going? Was it a shot?

MATT KUCHAR: Finally made a putt. I was kind of bummed early on I had a couple real good chances and I feel like I've been putting well for a while now. I feel like I'm really putting a good roll on the ball and getting good chances and I missed a pretty short one, a 10-footer on the 3rd and then is it the 4th, missed a 15-footer that was pretty straight. That was kind of a bummer. I felt like it was hard to get it going.

Then finally I saw one go in on the 8th hole, probably a 20-footer went in. Then Harris made had a 15-footer on 9 and we were off. I knew Harris put a real good stroke on the one on 9. He hit a good wedge I think even inside of my shot on the 10th hole. He had a pretty makeable putt and I felt like he was hot. I said, You go ahead and hit it, knock it in. He poured it in and we were off and going from there.

Q. You make those two putts you're mentioning, did you still -- was there anything that led you to believe that you would play par-free golf until the 18th? I mean, it was birdie, birdie, birdie, throw in an eagle and a couple more. What's it like going through that?

HARRIS ENGLISH: It's pretty cool. You just kind of get on a hot streak and you don't really think about anything other than making birdies. That's how I feel, I know Kooch does the same. You just get to where all you're thinking about is hitting it up there and making the putt, not thinking about how many pars you made, how many birdies you made, what we are for the day, you just kind of keep the momentum going.

MATT KUCHAR: That's the name of the game. And this best ball, generally the idea is you want to have two chances on every hole and we did a lot of that. Then there was some nice brother-in-law on the back nine. When I missed out on a birdie, Harris filled it up on 13? What hole was that 15?

HARRIS ENGLISH: 15.

SPEAKER: 15, Harris covered my back. We partnered really well on that back side. It was a fun run.

Q. Either going from hole to hole on as you're walking down the fairways, what's the conversation like between the two of you?

MATT KUCHAR: It's just off the topic of golf. You know, it may be after a birdie, you know, let's keep it going type of conversation, but the conversation is generally walking down fairways is non-golf related. We're getting ready to move into a new house in Sea Island and we're just catching up on home stuff.

Q. What do you remember of what you guys talked about?

HARRIS ENGLISH: I mean, Kooch keeps it very light out there. That's what I notice playing with him even at home and playing with him some in tournaments out here, that he keeps it very light and really talks about other stuff than golf. That's what keeps your mind off of it because it's such a grind out there and you don't want to walk down the fairway thinking about your shot or thinking about your swing or whatever. He does a great job of that and that's why I love playing with him.

Q. So whether it be 15, 16 or 17, do you guys all of a sudden think, Can you believe this, what we're doing? That doesn't even enter your guys' minds?

MATT KUCHAR: I knew it was a good stretch going, and then I kind of thought the stretch may come to an end on the 16th hole. We weren't in great shape, but when we made that we figured gosh, 17 and 18 are two more good chances to keep it going and the idea was keep it going. Then I think in golf when you get a lead, the idea is to see how big you can get the lead.

Goose and Freddie Jac were playing some really good golf and we couldn't seem to make a whole lot of ground or gain any more ground. They just stayed shot for shot coming in with us. It was some really impressive golf out of all four of us. I know tomorrow in the format that we have with the scramble there's certainly no trying to hold onto a lead. It's try to grow the lead. It's try to birdie every hole because there are going to be guys that are birdieing every hole playing behind us or in front of us.

I'm certainly excited for tomorrow. It's nice to have a lead, a four-shot lead is nice. It would be nice to have a 10-shot lead, that's a nicer lead. But we're going to see if we can extend it and make a lot of birdies tomorrow.

Q. The only other thing I would ask is that tee times got moved up. They always say when you're playing this well, what you want to do is get back out there as soon as possible. I suppose you guys are loving this 9:00 a.m. tee time probably, right?

MATT KUCHAR: Yeah, that's right. I think when you play well you want to keep it going. There's not a whole lot of time to think about it tomorrow morning. Wake up, have some breakfast and get back out there.

Q. Harris, does it help that you're going to be playing with Retief and Freddie and you guys have a little bit of space between your two groups, your two pairings and the rest of the field going into tomorrow?

HARRIS ENGLISH: Yeah, I mean, obviously they're the closest to us, but we know we've got to put the pedal to the metal tomorrow. You've got to make birdies. A lot of guys who are behind us at 12-, 13-, 14-under are going to probably make a run at it. If you're not making birdies, you're probably losing some ground. We're not going to be worried about Freddie and Retief tomorrow, we're just going to be worried about our game and trying to make as many birdies as we can.