

**PRE-TOURNAMENT INTERVIEW**  
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**HARRIS ENGLISH**

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**DOUG MILNE:** Harris English, thanks for joining us for a few minutes prior to your ninth start in the RSM Classic. Just a few thoughts, I know this is obviously not just the tournament -- well, the tournament certainly, but with you in the area now, a special place for you and a special week. Just a few comments on that.

**HARRIS ENGLISH:** Yeah, this place is awesome. Moved down here right when I graduated from Georgia and it's been a place I've called home for the last 10 years, and it's nice to have an event here and kind of get to show off on how special this place is, St. Simons, Sea Island.

The weather's incredible this week and for a lot of these guys that have never been here before, it's kind of an inside look on where we live and where we practice and play and really how special this place is.

It's really cool to have a lot of European Tour guys coming from the Masters this week. I'm excited of how strong the field is this week. I know Davis Love is pumped about that. He's been such a mentor to us guys down here for the last number of years and it's awesome that he gets rewarded with such a good field because he has done so much for this game and so much for this area. It's awesome to be able to show off this special place we have here.

**DOUG MILNE:** You're coming off a season, a very solid season, six top-10 finishes, finished No. 12 in the FedExCup, come right out and you've added two more top-10s in four starts already this season. What is it you've been working on, been working towards that you can attribute to the incredible play that you've been enjoying?

**HARRIS ENGLISH:** Yeah, probably a year and a half ago I started working with a guy out of Sea Island, Justin Parsons, and he's helped me a lot not just with my swing mechanics that have gotten off a little bit, but really just in the way I practice. I feel like my consistency of practice and the way I practice has been at an all-time high. I feel like I've got a really good system of what I work on, and if it gets off, I know what to work on and how to get better. So I feel like I've done a good job of that. Even though I was coming out of the 126-150 category last year, I knew my back was against the wall and kind of had a game plan of every time I teed it up, I'd be the most prepared guy there, the most rested and prepared guy in the field. Felt like I did a good job of that. It was my most consistent year on Tour and I hope I can make it even better this year.

**Q. Harris, I know you've known Hudson for a long time. I'm wondering if there's a good story from when you guys first met, and then obviously you've both had some**

**success this year after some struggling a little bit. How much did you guys help each other during those times, or did that friendship help?**

**HARRIS ENGLISH:** I mean, Hud's been a great friend for a long time. He was always about two years older than me. We grew up probably within 45 minutes of each other. He grew up in Tallahassee, I grew up in Moultrie, Georgia, Thomasville, Georgia, which is south Georgia, not too far apart.

Hud was always a lot bigger than I was back in the day, and I remember probably the first time I met him we were playing in an SJGT event, I was probably 10, he was probably 12, so I was one of the youngest guys in the event. He was one of the older guys in that age group. I remember my group was walking up the fairway on this shorter par 4 and here comes a ball off the tee that flies over our heads and we look back and they're like, "Yeah, that's Hudson Swafford, he smashes it."

I remember meeting him later that day and we've become really good friends and obviously roommates at Georgia. Both moved down here together, we were roommates for a while, so it's been great. He pushes me, I feel like I push him and we have a really good friendship and bond that I feel like we've made each other better for a long time.

**Q. Correct me if I'm wrong, didn't you guys have a deer mounted in your house in Georgia at the university when y'all were roommates?**

**HARRIS ENGLISH:** We did, we did.

**Q. Are you all both hunters or just one of you?**

**HARRIS ENGLISH:** He's more of a deer hunter than I am, but we would go deer hunt a lot down in south Georgia when we were back home for Thanksgiving or Christmas. Duck hunting, deer hunting, we've kind of done it all and kind of share the same passions like that.

**Q. Harris, how much do you think -- how difficult do you think it is for Davis Love not to play in his own tournament this year?**

**HARRIS ENGLISH:** Yeah, it's tough. I've been seeing Davis in the gym a lot lately. I know he's pretty banged up right now, kind of having some more neck, back issues. I know it really bums him out. He's put so much time and effort into this tournament and he still wants to compete, and he still can compete. It's pretty incredible what he can still do at his age. He plays this place a lot and I can sense how bummed out he is that he's not able to play.

I just saw him out here today, I guess he was doing a press conference or something. I'm sure he's going to be out here trying to help out as much as he can. He'll probably be driving the ball cart out there or something, picking up golf balls, working on the range. It's incredible, that guy never misses a minute and always wants to help out. I know he's got to be bummed about not playing because I know he would love to win this event and add it to

his tally.

**Q. Where would winning this event rank for you and how big is it to get a W at this point?**

**HARRIS ENGLISH:** It would be really cool. I feel like I've been on the cusp a lot the past year and a half. It would mean a lot coming here I would say in front of a home crowd. It kind of sucks that we can't have kind of the home tournament this week with all the friends and family that we would have normally, but I love this place and it would mean a lot to kind of win on your home turf.

**Q. Sungjae Im finished tied for second at the Masters. What is it that you like about his game?**

**HARRIS ENGLISH:** He's just so consistent. A, he's a great kid, respects the game a lot. He's super nice and he works his tail off. I mean, I can see it -- I feel like I practice pretty hard, but I feel like Sungjae outworks a lot of guys out here. He's not scared to put in the time and work, and he loves it. He's not scared of playing as many tournaments as he wants and it's just really cool to see.

I like Sungjae a lot. I've played with him a couple times and he's one of the most consistent iron players I've seen out here and also has one of the best short games I've ever seen. I can see him contending in a lot of majors, winning majors and playing out here for a long time.

**DOUG MILNE:** Harris, well, it looks like you are a free man. We appreciate your time and certainly wish you the best of luck this week.

**HARRIS ENGLISH:** Dougie-Fresh, thanks, man.