

HARRIS ENGLISH (-

Q. Tough out there today, the conditions were a little bit different and more scorable, but you have been playing some pretty awesome golf. Talk about where you're at with your game and how good you're feeling.

HARRIS ENGLISH: Yeah, I mean, ball-striking's been awesome the last couple days. I like it when it plays hard out here. I like it when it's windy because otherwise the scores are really, really low and I think it plays more in my hands when it is tough. I enjoyed that yesterday. Seems like I can focus more when the wind's howling like that. I really have to focus in on one shot at a time. Played really well, I was really happy with 4 under.

Today, yeah, it was more scorable, but it's still tricky out there. Plantation isn't easy. Had some tough pins out there and the wind was still gusty at times. Just kind of plodded along, didn't do anything crazy, just hit it close a good bit. Pretty easy 6 under.

Q. Are you in that phase where you're feeling so good you wish the season wasn't necessarily only a couple more events left?

HARRIS ENGLISH: No, that's why I didn't play Houston, I wanted a little more time to rest because there won't be a whole lot of offseason. Play Mexico in a couple weeks, then I'm playing the QBE Shootout with Kuchar, then a couple weeks off and then get ready for Maui. I knew taking a little mini break will help me be prepared for this week and not be tired and ready to play.

Q. Also it seems like local -- we haven't really had a local winner. I know Chris Kirk spent time here, Kevin Kisner spent time here, but they weren't living on the island necessarily when they won. Do you guys ever wonder how come maybe one of you hasn't taken that trophy yet?

HARRIS ENGLISH: Yeah, it is weird how many guys who live here haven't won the tournament before, but this is a little more pressure. People from outside feel like you should play well on your home course, but we really never play the course under these conditions. The greens are never this fast. Some of the pin placements we've seen the last couple days we never see on a day-to-day basis. So it is a little different, but I'm feeling good about it. Happy to be close to the lead and within earshot and see what I can do on the weekend.

Q. Can you give an example of some of what the pressure is like when you're trying to win in your hometown?

HARRIS ENGLISH: Yeah, years past, obviously you have a lot more family and friends

come in and some say distractions, but you feel like you've got to hang out with everybody you don't see a good bit. Gives people an opportunity to come watch you play and it's a lot of fun.

I think this year I treated it more like a regular tournament, staying in my same routine. I don't have anybody staying with me this week, which I normally do. Treating it like a normal week and preparing like a normal week and not really getting out of my day-to-day routine. It's been good. It's been -- I feel like I'm more focused this year and happy with the way I played and looking forward to the weekend.

Q. Now that you've concluded resurrecting your game and playing as good as anybody, do you feel that in your mind there's any kind of movement or transition to, okay, now it's time to go ahead and win?

HARRIS ENGLISH: Yeah, it's just been way more consistent. I don't have those crazy bad days that I did the last few years. I feel like even when I don't have my A-game, I still keep it in the fairway, keep it around par and I've done a good job of that. Justin really helped with that. And continue to chip and putt a good bit. It's always been kind of my strength the last few years and it's been getting better. Like today I hit it close a lot, hit it within two feet probably six, seven, eight times and that really helps on a day like today.

Q. Are you feeling that urge to go ahead and win a tournament? You know what I mean, now that you're so close and obviously --

HARRIS ENGLISH: If I keep getting myself in these positions, it's going to happen. Obviously there's a lot of good players on the PGA TOUR, you can't really force it, but if I keep getting in the top-5, top-10, it's just going to happen. So the more I can do that, the better off I am.

Q. What did you do last year? Did you watch any of the tournament?

HARRIS ENGLISH: I did, yeah. Actually, I'll come out here in the mornings and tee off -- I think the first tee time for resort guests is 8:00 and I come out here -- about 7:50 they let me come out and I'd play nine holes or as many as I could and chip and putt and then kind of go back and hang out with my dog and watch some of the TV and kind of get some pointers of getting ready for April.

Q. Your performance from the U.S. Open, does that stick out to you? How much of a confidence booster was that? You knew you were playing well, you performed well in a major.

HARRIS ENGLISH: Yeah, it was huge, and that's really the first major I've contended in and I felt like I played solid all four days. Really tough golf course and I felt like I held my own up there. Other than Bryson running away with it, I feel like I could have had a chance to win that tournament.

Yeah, anytime you perform well under that kind of pressure on a Saturday, Sunday of a major, huge confidence booster.

Q. If you were to win this week, what would you look back on today's round and feel like, man, that really helped me win this tournament?

HARRIS ENGLISH: Yeah, I mean, even No. 10, hit a good 4-iron off the tee, had it on an upslope into the wind, left it short and then ran my putt about eight feet by. Then made a good curler for par on the first hole of the day. So that was huge to kind of keep the momentum and not give anything back.

Plantation has always kind of been a tough course for me. I feel like I should dominate it, but haven't really played well there the last few years. Feel like 6 under's great out there and kind of kept me in the tournament and can get back to Seaside where I know a lot better. I feel like the wind gets up and even par or a couple under round would be awesome.

Q. Quick word on Robert Streb -- you mentioned Plantation still very tricky with the wind -- to go 9 under today?

HARRIS ENGLISH: Yeah, it's awesome. Obviously Strebber plays well here, has won here before. Guys get comfortable on certain golf courses and it's cool to see him take it deep out there. It wasn't that easy I didn't think, but obviously a couple guys shooting 9 under and they can go low.

Q. Will you go hit some balls or talk to Justin at all?

HARRIS ENGLISH: No, I'm going to chill, maybe get a little food, go back to the house and get rested up.

Q. Do you know Jeffrey, Matt Wallace's caddie?

HARRIS ENGLISH: I do, yeah.

Q. What do you think of him being his caddie this week?

HARRIS ENGLISH: Yeah, it's awesome. Jeff's a good dude. It's a cool opportunity for him to see play on the PGA TOUR. He's a great player himself, I think he's qualified for a couple Korn Ferry events in his day and probably one of the best players here at the GPC among those club pros. But it's cool. Obviously I don't know how they're playing today, but leading the tournament after day one is pretty cool.

Q. Is he a good personality for a caddie?

HARRIS ENGLISH: Yeah, he's super chill. He's not going to do too much or give too much

info. He's just kind of along for the ride and whatever advice Matt has, he's going to step in and tell him, otherwise he's just pretty chill.