### ROUND 2 INTERVIEW December 12, 2020





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## Q. Guys, great round out there today. Do you want to just talk us through what was working?

**MATT KUCHAR:** Funny, we were talking out there, it seemed to be that the strategy, Harris would smash a drive out there, I'd hit an approach and he'd putt. For the longest time it felt like Harris wasn't hitting any iron shots and I wasn't doing any putting. So there was I think several holes went by where I didn't need a putter and he wasn't hitting an approach shot. It gets tricky when all of a sudden the roles reverse and we had that situation pop up on 17. I caught the cart path off the tee and was able to get one pretty far down and all of a sudden Harris has an iron in his hand and hasn't seen many of those today and I had a putter in my hand. It was something a bit abnormal because our system was really working well.

## Q. Obviously you guys have had a lot of success here over the years. Is it nice to kind of be back together after a couple years off?

**HARRIS ENGLISH:** Yeah, I feel like our games really fit this format well. He does a lot of stuff that I'm not great at and maybe I do some stuff that he's not great at. It's just fun. It's very relaxing out there. Matt's got his son Cameron out there, it's fun, teaching him a little bit about the game in kind of a tournament atmosphere. Obviously the weather's perfect, the greens are rolling awesome. Just got off to a good start and kind of kept it rolling today, it was great.

# Q. Tomorrow do you guys go to the first tee thinking of a one-shot lead or -- because it's a pretty big lead you guys have going into the final round. How do you guys approach that?

**MATT KUCHAR:** There's still a need to make lots of birdies. I think this best-ball format, guys are going to shoot some low scores. Whatever the lead is, pars aren't going to be helping out very much. We've got to still make a bunch of birdies tomorrow to try to protect the lead. I think the idea every time you get a lead is try to grow it. That's the mentality tomorrow. I think always in the two-ball best-ball format you do your best to have two birdie opportunities every hole. If you can be on the green, if both balls can be on the green with putts, you feel good about your chances.

#### Q. Harris?

**HARRIS ENGLISH:** Yeah, just like Matt said. We've played this best-ball format a good bit. If you have two birdie looks every hole, you're going to be in good shape. I'm not going to

really do anything crazy of trying to hit it way down there on a few holes like I did today. It's basically Matt's playing his game, I'm playing my game, I'm playing to my strengths, he's playing to his strengths and kind of seeing where the chips fall at the end. Like he said, make as many birdies as we can. I know these guys out here, some guys are just going to shoot 11, 12 under tomorrow so we've got to keep our foot on the pedal and keep it rolling.

## Q. After you started out with the birdies, you had five pars in a row there. What got you back going in your round with a bunch of other birdies?

**MATT KUCHAR:** You never know where birdies are going to come from, you just keep playing good golf. Harris mentioned earlier and I didn't pick up on it, we found every fairway, found every green. In alternate shot, to hit 18 greens is pretty awesome.

Putts go in where they may. There was a lot of good golf kind of the entire day. Even mid round there was still some good golf that we let a couple birdies slip, but other than that, you take birdies wherever they come.

## Q. What is it about -- I mean, you guys have had two of the lowest scores in the last decade in alternate shot. What is it about alternate shot that works well for you all?

**MATT KUCHAR:** It's fun for me to play from where Harry drives the ball. I all of a sudden get irons that I'm not used to hitting and feel awfully excited about getting a chance to hit some shorter irons into holes. He's been just playing great all around, so now getting the putter in his hand, the putting was hot and watching him just sink putt after putt was a lot of fun.

**HARRIS ENGLISH:** Yeah, just the momentum, we did a good job of that. Matt made a great birdie on the first hole, probably 15-, 16-footer on the first and we just kind of kept it going. It's such a momentum game and especially alternate shot. We got in a great rhythm of we were hitting the same shots on every hole. He got in a really good rhythm of wedging the ball, I got in a good rhythm hitting driver and putting. We rode that as long as we could and it worked out.