ROUND 3 INTERVIEW December 13, 2020



HARRIS ENGLISH MATT KUCHAR

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PRESTON SMITH: Congratulations on the win out here. Obviously not your first, congratulations on your third win out here. Do you want to just talk us through how much fun it was today with the lead and kind of expanding that lead?

MATT KUCHAR: I think you get off to a start and I think the mentality is even with a five-shot lead, you're still a little bit uncomfortable. You want to make sure you don't lose the lead, you want to make sure you don't let that lead get too small.

Awfully nice to get off to a good start birdieing the first couple. It kind of puts you a little bit at ease, but still the mentality is there's a bunch of good teams out here, you know the guys here are going to be making birdies, you can't let up. It was nice to see a number of birdies go in.

The show Harris put on on the back nine was just awesome. I think he pulled me aside after 14 and said, "I think we need two shots to set the new mark." I said, "We've got four chances," and he went ahead and went birdie-eagle-birdie to close it out. It was fun to watch, fun to team up.

We were just talking earlier about how this new record is going to be a tough one to catch, but I know we look forward to trying it again.

HARRIS ENGLISH: Yeah, I didn't want to put too much thought into us having a five-shot lead coming in today. I kind of wanted to put more into seeing what we could do, trying to break the record. I knew we were both playing really well. Matt was playing really well this week. I felt like I was happy about my game and we could get it rolling. With Matt coming off birdieing the first two holes and then made a great birdie on No. 5, the par 3, so here we are 3 under through five, kind of on cruise control.

We didn't really get some holes coming down the end of the front nine, but really got it rolling when we needed to and made some clutch putts when we needed to, kept extending that lead.

Q. Thirty-seven under, you guys averaged in the 50s. Is that almost laughable looking back at the week?

MATT KUCHAR: That is laughable. It's hard to fathom just how good of golf that was. It's funny, as a player you stay in the moment pretty well and don't think too much about it. Saw a couple leaderboards, I saw us with a five- and six-shot lead at times. I don't know at what

point you truly feel comfortable. I think finally 18, the walk up 18, we were both on the fairway, I found the green and then Harris hit an amazing shot in and all of a sudden then you say, "All right, I'm going to enjoy it now."

I'm not sure Harris was quite ready to enjoy it, he wanted one more birdie and amazing to go ahead and get that final birdie. What a mark, to average below 60 is crazy, particularly with an alternate shot format. You figure if it's three rounds of scramble, maybe, but with an alternate shot and even a best ball, 12 under's a really good score. What was -- by chance, what was the low score today?

Q. Twelve.

MATT KUCHAR: That's pretty cool to go three days, and I know we put the low round in on the first day, but I was awfully pleased with the scramble, 14 under was a good number and man, averaging below 60s awesome.

Q. Obviously today you guys played really well. Would you still consider yesterday's round probably the best of the three with the format?

HARRIS ENGLISH: Yeah, alternate shot's hard, even modified. Modified's easier because you can pick the best tee ball, but still it's a lot more pressure when you've got not only yourself you're worried about, but you're trying to hit a good shot for your partner as well and not leaving him in a bad spot. It definitely adds some pressure.

I felt like we did a really good job of that yesterday. I mean, Kuch put on a wedge-fest that was unbelievable. I hit a lot of fairways and kind of let him do work. I didn't have to really putt very well because I feel like we had a lot of tap-ins. Usually that alternate shot can be a little uneasy, you miss a couple greens and you're struggling for pars, but we never really struggled yesterday. It was probably the easiest alternate shot day I've ever had before and we really just set ourselves apart.

Looking at the scores, 5 or 6 under in alternate shot would be a heck of a round and we got out there and shot 11 under. I feel like that's what really won us this tournament is setting ourselves apart yesterday.

Q. Matt, just being out there with Cameron and, you know, obviously I'm sure you've played golf with him before, but this was a little bit of a different type of thing, and then to win on top of it, what was the day like?

MATT KUCHAR: Well, I feel awfully lucky to be able to have had the experiences I've had with my family. I know kind of looking back to the things I got to do with mom and dad as a kid, I think, man, that was some amazing stuff to get to share with my parents. Now to be on the other side of that and to have kids, and I think the things we've gotten to share up to this point have just been pretty awesome, things that I'll always remember.

This experience, Cameron's just so excited for the game of golf, to play, to learn, to be part of it. He's been asking to caddie for years now and this was kind of one of those carrots we put out there, dangling out there to say, all right, when you're 13, we'll let you do it. He was so excited.

And for me to have him out along with me was really good fun. Wanted to have great people like Harris to be around, his caddie Erik as well, just couldn't have been better people to be partnered with, be paired with, be out on the course. Everybody that's involved with this tournament, all the other players, all the other caddies were so generous and cool with Cameron. It was a fun experience to be part of. I know I'll always remember it. I think it's one he'll always remember as well.

I think when you look back on life, you reflect on some of these times that really mean something to you and most of the time you want those experiences, you want to be able to share them with people you really care about. To have Cameron on the bag, to have a friend like Harris as my partner is something I'll certainly always cherish.

Q. Harris, what about you, what was it like to watch the two of them and be a part of it as well and help the two of them win?

HARRIS ENGLISH: Yeah, it's really cool. Obviously I've known Cameron a long time now. I've seen him grow up, and I mean, he's getting to be a big kid. It's nice to see his passion for the game. And for me, I know Matt does a lot of teaching for him and he learns a lot from Matt, but for him to be out here in this experience is pretty cool. I wish I had that when I was 13 years old. It's really cool. It was a great atmosphere out there. Hopefully he learned a lot.

And he kept it light. It was kind of fun him needling me sometimes when I'd miss a putt. But it was fun, we had a good time. We'll remember this for the rest of our lives.

Q. You guys played out here a few years ago, won by 7, today you won by 9. What is it about this place that you just get rolling and really outpace the field?

MATT KUCHAR: I don't know that there's a real rhyme or reason. I think we make a great team, but to be able to -- you know, I'm not sure how many events now, but in three wins, to have a couple where we win by 7, win by 9, you don't get many of those. It's pretty special and just some really good play.