

Q. Another year, another good opening round for you guys here, right in the mix again. How would you guys characterize the round out there?

MATT KUCHAR: Felt like last year all over again. This place, I think it's special to both Harris and I. Nice to get off to a good start.

Q. Harris, how would you characterize how you guys played out there, getting it going early there with two birdies right off the bat?

HARRIS ENGLISH: Yeah, played really solid, gave ourselves a lot of chances. Didn't have any eagles today, we were close, but it's all about making putts. Matt made a couple good 20-, 25-footers and that's what keeps the round going, that's what keeps the momentum going. We tend to play the back nine really well here, got off to a good start on 10 and kept it rolling and I guess we shot 8 under on the back nine. Keep giving ourselves chances and keep seeing those putts go in.

Q. Why is it do you think you play the back nine better?

MATT KUCHAR: I don't know. I think there's a handful of more opportunities out there, a couple challenging holes on the front, a couple par 3s that provide some challenge on the front and then you just get the momentum. This event, I think you get used to making birdies and as the day goes on you just kind of keep it going.

Q. You guys have obviously -- what did you think of Lexi and Bubba today? I know Bubba had some excitement I guess on one hole or something?

HARRIS ENGLISH: Yeah, Lexi played awesome today. She was driving it well, putting well, doing everything. I was really impressed with her game. Bubba had an unbelievable shot off the tower on No. 13 I think it was. I mean, in there for eagle. Yeah, they're a great team. They played really good golf and I think they'll be up there come Sunday.

Q. You guys obviously have won this thing three times. What's your main focus when you play the modified alternate shot format?

MATT KUCHAR: Man, you still want to make birdies. Thankfully, you get two drives so somebody's generally in good shape. It's not too much worrying about trying to protect the partner, it's hitting quality shots. It's not worrying about running a putt four, five feet by. Continue to try to hit quality shots and not really -- I think it's easy to get cautious in that

format. Try to just continue playing good shots and not be too worried about letting your partner down.

Q. Harris, agree?

HARRIS ENGLISH: Yeah, it's a lot easier playing with Matt because he really doesn't have any weaknesses. I felt like I can still be aggressive because he's got one of the best short games, he's a great putter. I feel, like you said, it frees me up to play my own game and be aggressive when you can, play to 15 or 20 feet when it's not a great pin. We've done well, but you've got to hit great golf shots, you've got to make putts, you've got to keep the same formula going.

Q. Even par, the one where you really weren't up there, I don't know whether to ask you if you remember anything about that because it was a while ago, but that was the one round that sticks out of all the ones you guys played here.

MATT KUCHAR: I don't recall, but I mean, it's one of the formats, right? It's the most challenging of all the formats. It's the one that kind of separates the teams that really have it going and teams that don't have it going. I think you look forward to seeing what happens after the second round in this event.