

**Q. Gentlemen, must be pretty happy to get in after some pretournament sort of, I guess, speculation of how these teams might do. You probably shut those down for right now. Talk about that amazing round today.**

**CHARLEY HOFFMAN:** It is the first round, but Ryan told me at the beginning of the week we need to tie his record of 17 under and I mean, I fell short, so I feel like I had a down day, he didn't come through at the end there making that putt.

No, all in all we put ourselves in great positions to make birdies. I would say very low stress all day long. For me, I putted first so it wasn't that stressful for me. Ryan made some great putts. I was able to hit some good drives and be able to capitalize on pretty much all our shots except 18.

**Q. Not just birdies, there was three eagles mixed in there as well. That's a pretty good key to going low. How special was that to do that and can you describe it for us?**

**RYAN PALMER:** No, especially this format with the scramble, you need to get a few eagles in there with the way the par 5s are playing. We were able to get a nice putt there on 1 and to eagle 7 as well. Charlie hit a phenomenal 3-wood into 6, if he phenomenal 3-wood to about 50 feet behind the hole. Couldn't have had an easier putt. You get a couple eagles in there, and of course you've got to make birdies in this format just to give yourself -- obviously tomorrow's a tougher format, but it sure helps to jump start when you can shoot a low one on the first round.

**Q. Yeah, in this format it's key to have you both -- both players contribute. You felt like you both did that really well today, you both kind of gave a pretty good effort. What do you think is the combination for your team? You're both more mature players than a lot of other players in the field. I mean, the experience that you have, what do you think is the key for you guys to combine so well?**

**RYAN PALMER:** I honestly think we both can strike the ball well. The way he drives it with his length and I'm not short by any means, but I think our ball-striking together is very strong. And then you get the putter rolling, that gives us a lot more confidence going into tomorrow's format with the way we both hit our irons today and we were able to make some putts.

Tomorrow it's a matter of just both driving it well and then you choose on which ball to play and all that. If we're both hitting it well, I think we'll have a lot of chances tomorrow.

**CHARLEY HOFFMAN:** Yeah. And to be completely honest, two pro-ams and all the social interaction, I think, to be honest with you, Kevin and I excel in that format and it's not draining for us to do everything. I think some of these young guys might, oh, I've got to play two pro-ams, I've got to do a dinner, I've got to do this. We actually -- I know I enjoy it, I know Ryan enjoys it, hanging out with these guys and doing that. It's actually pretty easy. For a lot of the guys it might be draining, so that's where I think we might have a little bit of an advantage. Off the golf course activities are a little easier for us than everybody else.

**Q. And I kind of asked that question just because you guys have played in this event a lot, this is your sixth start and this is your fifth, I think, and you've had different partners each time. I think you teamed up with HV3 a couple of times, but you've had different partners.**

**RYAN PALMER:** Every time, yeah.

**Q. So is there anything that's different about this partnership from the previous ones I guess is what I'm asking? Sounds like just being the same age kind of and --**

**RYAN PALMER:** Well, we've been (indiscernible.) We're both going on 19, 20 years on the PGA TOUR, so we've been around each other this long.

**CHARLEY HOFFMAN:** And we know each other's game. I mean, if we hit a bad shot, we're not -- I think we're pretty relaxed out there, which is always key when you're playing golf. We can make fun of each other when we hit a bad shot and compliment each other when we hit good ones and I think it's good teamwork that worked out for the first round.

**Q. You mentioned the change, alternate shot coming tomorrow, obviously a little bit tougher format. Is there any talk out there today when -- you guys mentioned how relaxed a round it was, stress free. Is there any talk today about how you may play certain holes come together?**

**CHARLEY HOFFMAN:** Well, it's modified alternate shot, so you're going to go off drives. To be completely honest, we really both hit our irons well, I would say we both putted pretty good. Ryan probably putted a little better than me, so I mean, if you put the advantage of maybe me hitting the iron shot in there and him hitting the putt, who knows. But obviously the statistics say the closer you get to the green, the more opportunity you have to make a birdie. So we'll see where the drives go off the tee and we'll attack from there.

**Q. This is a time of year where a lot of guys sort of play around with equipment, try different things. Have you guys been doing any of that this week or today?**

**CHARLEY HOFFMAN:** I did. I was down at Titleist, I'm lucky enough to live in San Diego and I got a new driver in the bag. It's max length, a little less loft, a little bit different head, the new Titleist TR series head and it worked great today. Obviously it's a lot easier standing on some of these tee shots when you have a partner behind you, but it worked good. It went



long and went pretty straight and I'm happy with that equipment that Titleist is bringing out and I'm hitting.

**RYAN PALMER:** Nothing for me. Me, it's just things I'm working on in my golf swing. I spent the last few weeks trying to find a little more what I've missed this past six months or so.

**CHARLEY HOFFMAN:** It was the last three balls yesterday, wasn't it?

**RYAN PALMER:** It was the last three balls on the range. We were the last two or three guys on the range last night 5:00. They said that's enough and I said three more. I think the three more helped, today was one of my better days. No, it's good.

**Q. Good example of all that experience.**

**RYAN PALMER:** Yeah, first time I've hit balls at this event.

