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WORLD CHAMPIONS CUP

MODERATOR: We'll get started. We're here at day two of the World Champions Cup, a tight race this afternoon. If we can just kind of go down the line here and get some thoughts. We'll start with the International Team, who is currently leading with 111.5 points. Ernie, Retief.

RETIEF GOOSEN: Yeah, the guys played great today. Me and Steve Alker combined well. We were never really in a lot of trouble, so it was nice going. And it was great to see everybody else playing so well too and making up some lost ground from yesterday. It's going to be an exciting day come Sunday. It's a pity that we're not playing tomorrow, it would have been nice to keep the momentum going. Sunday's going to be an exciting day.

MODERATOR: Captain Els, thoughts on your team today?

ERNIE ELS: Yeah, echo what Retief said. We had to have a good day today to get back into things, you know we're a little bit behind. The format allows that. When you get on a good run, you can make some points up.

You know, yeah, now we just get a day off. It's going to be kind of weird tomorrow to have the day off with the momentum running and then Sunday things are looking dicey weather-wise. I'm sure the guys want to play 18 or close to 18 holes on Sunday for a final day, but we'll see what the weather holds for us and we'll take it from there.

All three teams are very much in the thick of it. We saw -- I mean, what did we have yesterday? We were at 51 and I think 57 was leading, is that true? So anyway, we erased that deficit and leading by half a point. You know, we had a good day.

MODERATOR: Bernhard, 12 points out of you and Alex in sixsomes today. Just some thoughts on your round.

BERNHARD LANGER: Yeah, we struggled this morning, we didn't play our best and the other two teams played really well, made lots of birdies and made us look even worse than we were, I guess.



Then we had some momentum going this afternoon, got off to a good start. I kind of bladed a pitching wedge on 7 and that stopped the whole thing again. It's golf, you never know what's around the corner.

We're glad we made a few points this afternoon to help the team. There's, what, a third of the points still to play for, is that correct? Sorry? Half even? All right. So there's a lot can happen on Sunday. For now we would rather be ahead, but we're behind so we've got to get our game together and make up on Sunday.

MODERATOR: Darren, thoughts on your team today and going into Sunday?

DARREN CLARKE: Yeah, it was obviously a disappointing day for Europe today. Monty and I got off to a poor start this morning, didn't really lead the team. It's always nice coming out, seeing your fellow teammates with points on the board early. We didn't do that this morning, simply didn't play well enough, and the guys we were playing against played really well.

But then we sort of rallied a little bit, played a little bit better this afternoon. As Bernhard said, we are obviously quite a few points behind, but with half the points total still to play for, if we go out and get off to a good start on Sunday, get some points up there, maybe inspire the rest of the guys.

It's like a Ryder Cup sort of thing, isn't it? You never quite know when you get off to a good start and get some points early. We would have hoped to play a little bit better today, but it's always nice to finish with Bernhard holing that putt there on 18 to sneak us a couple of points.

I know you're not going to say that (referencing Jerry Kelly.) From a European point of view it was nice that Bernhard was able to do that, and the guys played well and got us some points this afternoon.

MODERATOR: Jerry, you and Justin have been a great duo the last two days. Can you give us some thoughts on this morning's round as well as this afternoon's?

JERRY KELLY: Yeah, we've kept two balls in play and really been solid into the greens and hitting the fairways in the alternate shot, giving ourselves chances. I messed up a couple of them coming down the stretch, but --

JUSTIN LEONARD: Yes, you did. You really did.

JERRY KELLY: -- he bails me out so well. I just love the feeling of wanting to make it for somebody else, that just feels great. I know I was nodding my head when you were saying it's like a Ryder Cup, but I've never been in one so I don't know what that feels like.



But this is our Ryder Cup and it feels fantastic to be on a team. I really love it. You know, you do make bonds with these guys. I got their back any time and it's just a really, really fun event. Mr. Bessemer and whoever else put this thing together, it's fantastic.

JUSTIN LEONARD: I've had a lot of fun playing with Jerry the last two days, and playing against Bernhard and just watching what he can do on a golf course, it's incredible. But I think for all of us, I never thought we would have this opportunity again. I doubt anybody sitting up here thought we would, to get to play team golf again in this way.

I just think it's so cool how wonderful this week has been starting really a couple weeks ago, the text messages and everything. Then we get here on property on Tuesday and everything is so well organized. Putting on uniforms and playing practice rounds together, it's just I didn't think we would get this chance to do this again.

So to be here and do it and for the event to be as first class and top notch as it is, I think that's why you're seeing so much great golf. I think it's just fun for us as players to get back into the team atmosphere again. We thought we were way beyond this, so it's really cool for this event to come off as it is and for us to be able to be a part of the first one.

MODERATOR: Jim, last but not least, just some thoughts on your team today.

JIM FURYK: Yeah, it's always great going sixth down the panel, however many we've got. I have a lot of the same sentiments that everybody one else does about the event.

I guess first, hats off to the International Team, they had a great day. They had a spectacular morning, played solid again this afternoon. I think they won both sessions. The U.S. team played very well this morning, played solid this afternoon so we have ourselves in good position.

I think finishing off matches is really key. I saw this afternoon all three of the U.S. teams that came through missed the green, ground it out, got the ball up and down, split points. I think one won one for the first two matches. Jerry's putt was huge there at the end with a 10-footer. Just a little momentum, I think it will make dinner taste better for all our teams.

It's still wide open as we talked about. We played 12 matches to this point and we have Sunday, hopefully have six in the morning, six p.m. so another 12 matches. So we're halfway through this, it's a wide open ballgame and it's going to be a fun shootout on Sunday. Let's all I guess hope for some good weather and be able to get all 18 holes in.

Q. There are momentum swings out there, but everything's happening so fast, I don't know if you ever get to feel them. For Ernie, when did you kind of get a sense that your team was onto something today?

ERNIE ELS: Kind of all day. Retief and Steven Alker went out, we were kind of -- yesterday evening we were all kind of thinking because I had another pairing schedule going and I was



like, so Retief and Steven said, no, we want to play better tomorrow, meaning today.

So I spoke to the next team, so we all went with the same pairings. I'm thinking, well, I wonder what these other guys are going to do.

Then Jimmy Gabrielsen showed me the betting sheet. I said is this thing rigged? What the hell's going on? We're all thinking the same thing. Anyway, I wanted to get that off my chest.

It was weird and so funny, seeing the same guys again all day today. So Steven and Retief went out and they really went out and played great. I'm not sure how many birdies and stuff you made, but it seemed like you made a lot of points.

And obviously I saw that Vijay and Stephen Ames played better. We had dinner last night, we talked about a couple of things. The guys were well fed so they were ready to go.

As the guys say, we're halfway through it. It doesn't feel like it, it feels like we're three-quarters of the way through it but we're not, we're halfway through. Everybody's in this thing. Europe's a little bit behind. We were a little bit behind yesterday and we made it up and we're in the lead now. The lead doesn't really mean anything until maybe the last putt, who knows. Your guess is as good as mine.

Q. For the other captains, now you have two days of a feel for the points and everything and we're only halfway there. Do you have any sense of the volatility of Sunday, what it could bring?

JIM FURYK: Yeah, I think you saw it today just with three matches out on the golf course, so volatility with six matches out and individuals. Four-ball or six-ball I guess, the best ball format, I mean winning holes is probably getting that two points is really key. Probably a lot harder to do in the six-ball we'll say, but you saw a lot of it.

Now individually winning holes, I think you're going to see more volatility with the singles matches and also having six matches on the course. Yeah, the leaderboard's going to be busy, I know that.

DARREN CLARKE: As Jim has just rightly said there, past couple of days you've got two tee balls off every tee so you've got different ways of having two balls in play or maybe one guy having a go and the other guys just making sure it's on the fairway, but then all of a sudden it's down to one ball.

It's totally different. You've got to be maybe a little bit more defensive a little bit, but then at the same time because we're obviously behind we've got to make some points. I think the volatility's going to rocket up a lot. You can hit some really good shots out there and get maybe not as rewarded as what you would expect because of the greens and how severe some of the slopes are. So you can find yourself in a real tricky situation very easy without actually hitting a bad shot. And then all of a sudden you're going to end up thinking, well, if



one of the guys you're playing against is struggling as well, maybe I don't want to lose to him but obviously I don't want to be too aggressive against the other guy. So a lot of things can change when it comes down to the singles.

Q. For Bernhard, when you don't have the best morning, what's the challenge in these quick matches of getting things turned around the way you did?

BERNHARD LANGER: Yeah, ideally I would have liked to have hit a couple of balls and a couple of putts, but there was no time. It was just enough time to grab some food, change my shoes and go again kind of thing.

I just tried to have a better mental attitude going into this afternoon and try and figure out what's going on with the swing and then take it from there. Thank goodness we got off to a good start, made an eagle, which was nice, and a bunch of birdies and clawed our way back a little bit until I screwed up again a couple of times.

You know, that's how the game of golf goes. You give 100 percent and you can't always do it. You're going to have good days and bad days, you just hope your bad days aren't horrible.

MODERATOR: Any other questions? Thank you all for coming in today.

