

ROUND 4 QUICK QUOTE
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MATT KUCHAR



MATT KUCHAR: Sorry that you guys had to come out this morning.

Q. First off, how cool would that have been if it went in?

MATT KUCHAR: Listen, nobody wants to be that guy, which I feel I turned into, the one guy that didn't finish. I can't tell you how many times I have been finished with a round thinking, bummed out that somebody didn't finish, that we didn't get to make the cut because somebody didn't finish. Here it's me now as the guy that didn't get to finish the tournament.

I can't tell you how many times I've been so happy to have just finished. Round 2, we had Gary Woodland run to the ninth tee that hit a final shot to be able to let us finish Round 2. Like I can't tell you how many times I've wanted to finish, how many times I've been bummed to have one or two holes left.

But last night, last night was dark. I mean, we had texts that Round 1 was suspended at 8:15, Round 2 was suspended at 8:25. That was to make the cut, so they pushed it even longer. Last night Round 4 was suspended at 8:40, like it was dark.

I think had I been in the fairway with a normal shot, I probably would have attempted to finish, but I had just seen Max four-putt the 16th hole. If there was daylight on that green, does he four-putt? I don't know, I don't know. But I just watched something happen. I had a putt three holes prior, 13th hole, decent daylight, no daylight on the green, totally covered in shade, missed a five-footer. Like I'm thinking it's hard to putt.

The general rule of thumb, I don't know if you guys know, the general rule of thumb when you're playing, you try to hit a tee shot if you can hit a tee shot. If you've got a reasonable approach, you hit it, you putt in the morning. You mark it, you wait if you have any sort of important putt.

I did not realize Aaron Rai made birdie on the last, so I'm over on 10 trying to figure out what I'm going to do. I'm figuring no way Max is going to finish out with a chance to win a tournament. I thought Max for sure had a shot to win and I thought no way in this situation do you hit this shot, you come back in the morning 100 percent of the time.

So I said, well, Max will stop, I'll stop, kind of make it easy on him. And for me, coming back in the morning, like I never would have taken that drop last night, I never would have thought to ask. I knew I was in a terrible situation, I was praying to make bogey from where I was. To walk away with par, nearly birdie, is a huge bonus.



Again, it stinks to -- nobody wants to be that guy that's showing up today, one person, one hole. Not even one hole, half a hole to putt.

So apologies to the tournament, to everybody that had to come out. I know it stinks, I know the ramifications, I know it stinks. Certainly I apologize to force everybody to come out here.

Q. What went into the decision to hit the tee shot on 18?

MATT KUCHAR: That was again the rule of thumb, you try to -- I literally felt as we're putting on 16, I thought, all right, I'm first to hit, I'll go to 17 and be ready to hit expecting a siren at that time. It had to be 8:20 at that time on 17 tee. Thinking, man, I could maybe do what Gary Woodland did for our group, I could hit, allow the group to play 17.

I know the rules officials are trying to -- everybody wants to get done, nobody wants to be that -- we all want to get done. So yeah, you hit the tee shot and kind of decide from there. And you guys saw the predicament I was in, it was a horrible place. Had it been a standard shot, I most likely would have proceeded.

Q. Did you see the guys in the fairway when you hit off the tee?

MATT KUCHAR: Clearly, clearly I was not hitting to hit just to push. I thought -- I was on the tee, there was a guy in pink walking on the green. I assumed it was Billy Horschel. There was a pink shirt walking on the back of the green, I assumed they were already up there and they were not.

Q. Twelve hours later, would you do anything different?

MATT KUCHAR: From that situation, no. Listen, I would have been so pleased with a bogey last night. All I was thinking was let's try to avoid double this morning. To come out and have, you know, the ability to take a drop, to get relief is a bonus.

I just hope it doesn't cause too many problems. I was excited that at least they got -- Aaron Rai got to finish, got to do the awards ceremony. I think that would have really stunk had Aaron not cemented the win and been able to do the trophy ceremony and all that goes with it.

Q. What kind of reaction have you heard in the last 12 hours, seen, dealt with?

MATT KUCHAR: Not, not -- thankfully, I avoid that stuff. I did get a call from my agent, said hey, you're causing quite a stir, so that was the little I heard. I'm grateful to not be a part of the social media thing.

