

ROUND 1 QUICK QUOTES
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RICHARD GREEN
MARK HENSBY (-10)

MODERATOR: We would like to welcome Richard Green and Mark Hensby to the media center of the AmFam Championship.

Guys, first round went pretty well. What was working out there for you?

RICHARD GREEN: I think we just both really enjoy the golf course, and the conditions are beautiful. It's a lot of fun to play and hit the right shots required on this golf course. I felt comfortable out there, and pretty sure Mark felt comfortable out there as well. It's nice to stand on greens that are just so pure to roll putts on. It's really, really nice.

Q. How did this partnership come to be and what do you guys enjoy most about playing with each other?

MARK HENSBY: Well, last year we were talking about it once we heard about it, and obviously Richard and I, we stay near each other sometimes. So yeah, once we knew it was a team event we were the perfect partners. We played a little bit of golf together and yeah, that's how it come together.

Q. What about this golf course plays to your guys' strengths and how did you guys feed off each other in the first round today?

RICHARD GREEN: Well, I'm always pretty admirable of Mark's game, I think he hits the golf ball just awesome. I think for me to come out and play pretty nicely and show a little bit of my strength with the putter and make a few birdies and get some momentum going, I think it helped a lot for both of us to feel good about our round.

Q. Richard, Mark came off the seventh tee and said this guy doesn't miss a putt. What was going right there?

RICHARD GREEN: Well, I just put a putter back in the bag that I was leading the putting stats with the other week. No surprise really, I just felt pretty comfortable with it last night.

Yeah, it wasn't in the bag early in the week and it's found its way in. You know, I think putting week to week, you know, it's tough to have some consistency on the different surfaces all the time, and I really like the surfaces this week so I'm not surprised I've putted well.

Q. (No microphone.)

MARK HENSBY: Yeah, we've got all our gadgets out at home, and I'm regripping my clubs all night and he's in there typing and doing all sorts of stuff, so we've got the -- our stuff going on. But it's been fun. Been good staying together and getting into this week, it's been fun.

Q. (No microphone.)

MARK HENSBY: A bit of both actually.

RICHARD GREEN: A bit of both really. Yeah, a little bit of golf and certainly having a few laughs last night, some funny videos.

MARK HENSBY: Richard got off to a great start, and to my surprise I saw him on the first green with that putter. I was like hang on, I saw him in the practice round holing everything, so it was kind of a surprise. But he got off to -- he made some great putts to get the momentum going early.

As he said earlier, this is a real golf course, this is as good as I think we're going to play all year. You've got to hit shots, it's pretty tight off the tee. Can't say enough about the golf course.

And Richard, one of the best putting strokes out here, I think. It was really, really cool to watch especially early on and that kind of got me going. I was kind of feeling left out at the start, I'm like hang on a minute. So I felt like I did a little bit on the back nine, which is good. We were talking about how good -- how much we loved the golf course in the practice round and we just felt very comfortable I think about this place. It's just such a good course.

RICHARD GREEN: And I think in this format, too, like I didn't play great all day, I hit a couple of ropery shots in the middle of the round and Mark's right there, got my back. It's pretty cool when that stuff happens.

Q. How does that change now going into tomorrow?

RICHARD GREEN: I think tomorrow's format's going to be a lot of fun. You've both got chances to hit a good tee shot and then pick the best one, and you're obviously picking the best next one. To have two chances at every shot from the best spot, it's going to be fun going. I think you're going to have to score well to keep it going.

MARK HENSBY: And I think tomorrow takes a little more pressure off because one can -- if he gets in play, at least the next one can go and slash at it, try and get it further down there, and vice versa hitting into the greens. If one hits it 10 feet or 20 feet, at least you can rip one in there close because you get two shots at everything. Today's format, even though it's a little tough when a player's out of the hole, you feel like, you know --

RICHARD GREEN: You're under pressure.

MARK HENSBY: -- it's like you're playing the last hole in a tournament, you know, kind of happens quite often through the round. I must have been -- I'm shocked how good the scores are, scores are incredible.

Q. Did you have a number in mind as to what you thought you would see out there when you looked at the board --

MARK HENSBY: No, not really.

Q. -- and did it change, did it -- what you saw kind of motivate you to keep going low?

RICHARD GREEN: I kind of knew that a good score at the end of the week is going to be needed to win this tournament. On the day today I think it was just a matter of just going out there and playing our own games and trying to make birdies when either wasn't making birdies either. We hit one in on a par 3 early to a foot. You hit it to a foot and so sort of two birdies on one hole, you can only write one down.

To see what the score was going to be, no, we just played our game.

MARK HENSBY: Yeah, and we were talking earlier, what he just said, you try and not -- obviously you're trying to make birdies everyone but we gelled so good today. I think that was the only hole that we actually birdied together was -- so other than that we didn't birdie the same hole once, so that helps obviously.

RICHARD GREEN: Have a good score.

Q. (No microphone.)

MARK HENSBY: Yeah, I played it last year before I played the other course in a practice round. Obviously it was still pretty young then and it was a lot slower, the greens were a lot slower, but in general I could see that it was going to be a good test and a good golf course. But the greens are just, I mean, they're as good as we're going to see, for sure.

Q. Do you guys remember the last time you played in a scramble?

RICHARD GREEN: Not in a scramble format but I remember playing World Cups for Australia back in 2010 and 2008 I think I played as well. Their format was a little different, I think four ball, best ball, and it was alternate shot of four ball, whatever it was called. But scramble? Probably can't remember since I was playing members' golf with my local back at home. It will be fun.

MARK HENSBY: I don't think I played a scramble as a pro ever.

RICHARD GREEN: Going to be good fun.

MARK HENSBY: Yeah.