

# The Ryder Cup

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Rome, Italy

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## Team Europe

## Shane Lowry

## Sepp Straka

### Quick Quotes

#### Q. How big does this moment feel?

SHANE LOWRY: Huge, obviously it's early days but I wanted to give Sepp his moment in the Ryder Cup to hole the pin winning putt. It's huge. We are off to a great start this morning. We need to keep the foot down. Myself and Seve gelled well today. Very happy out there with him and enjoyed myself.

#### Q. Seve, how much did you enjoy your first taste of a Ryder Cup?

SEPP STRAKA: Unbelievable. Absolutely unbelievable. Can't really describe it. The expectations didn't even come close.

#### Q. How well did you play together? How comfortable did you feel with each other today?

SHANE LOWRY: We've probably known for maybe a couple of weeks that we might go out this morning together. You know, we played the same golf, all use the same stuff, so kind of made sense. We were similar-type people but I'm a bit more fiery than him. Sepp is very laid back. We enjoyed it out there, and I feel like we played some good golf.

Felt like we dodged a few bullets out there, especially 11 and 12, around then, but you know, you're going to have that in match play. Just have to dig deep and we did. You know, I would have liked to close out the match earlier because we had good chances, but it was nice to put a point on the board for Europe.

#### Q. A third blue point on the board for The European Team today. Got to ask you Shane, you stepped out on the first tee and one of the first things you saw was Viktor Hovland chipping in at first. How much did that motivate you?



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SHANE LOWRY: I was trying to stay calm and started losing my mind on the first tee. Yeah, for a guy they say can't chip, Viktor did all right on that hole.

Look, we are very happy with our start today and obviously there's a lot of golf to be played from here. We talked about getting off to a fast start and we have done.

#### Q. How are the nerves hitting the first tee shot in your first Ryder Cup?

SEPP STRAKA: Very. Very nervous. Yeah, couldn't even really describe. The blood was flowing. Heartbeat was up. Thankfully I made contact with the ball, so I think that's a win.

#### Q. You didn't play foursomes at Whistling Straits. How different was this experience today?

SHANE LOWRY: Yeah, it was cool. Look, I came here with an open mind this week; I'll do whatever the captain asks me. He wanted me to go out this morning with Sepp.

It's nice to go around with a Rookie and bring him around the place. I think the last few days got the Rookies ready for what today was going to be like. It was amazing.

It's my first home Ryder Cup, as well, and obviously last time at Whistling Straits wasn't the best experience and out there today was just incredible. With the crowd cheering you down every green and every fairway, it's incredible to have home support.

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