

# The Ryder Cup

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Rome, Italy

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## Team Europe

## Rory McIlroy

## Tommy Fleetwood

### Quick Quotes Morning Foursomes

RORY McILROY: I think they get more special is as you go on because you realise you don't have that many left. Hopefully I have a few Ryder Cups left in me. It's been an absolute pleasure to share the golf course with this man beside me over the last couple of days.

Yeah, last night we talked about enjoying what we did yesterday but coming out and showing no mercy today. Obviously the way Ludvig and Viktor started off and the way we started off, you know, that set the tone for the day again.

Yeah, just another incredible match. We played great there. We held some good putts when we needed to and delighted to get another point on the board for Europe.

**Q. They are already talking about this pairing possibly being one for years to come, two eagles back-to-back, 5-under par wedge in foursomes. You've be playing with him for a while?**

TOMMY FLEETWOOD: If he'll have me. Like I said yesterday, there's so many people on this planet that dream of playing with Rory and I'm the one who has had the opportunity to do it for the last two mornings. Just happy to be along for the ride and play some good golf. Yeah, we did very, very well. We were pretty -- there was a couple of hiccups here and there but we held the putts when we needed to and thankfully Rory bailed me out on the last one.

**Q. Mollywood 4-0, Fleetwood Mac 3-0 --**

RORY McILROY: There is a common denominator there.

**Q. How good a partner is he to play with?**

RORY McILROY: He's great because he makes you feel so at ease and you know that you can play loose. You



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can't play tight. You don't feel like you need to be perfect because you know you've got a partner beside you that's going to bail you out if you need to and is going to hit the right shots at the right times.

I think in foursomes, someone that strikes the ball like this man, you feel really comfortable playing alongside none like that. As I said it's been a great couple of days.

**Q. A second straight day, 2&1 foursomes victory. A wonderful start for both of you. How much momentum does this team have right now?**

RORY McILROY: Yesterday was an amazing day and we wanted to enjoy it because it's not very often you go out on a full day in a Ryder Cup and don't lose a full point. We enjoyed last night but at the same time we knew the Americans were going to be hurting a bit and they obviously want to get off to a fast start this morning, and our objective is to just not let them do that.

We went out first and we got blue on the board early, the boys behind got blue on the board early and that set the tone for the day. Another great start, what we have been talking about all week and we just need to keep it going.

**Q. Jordan Spieth and Justin Thomas are historically a very strong team for the Americans. Do you sense they are a little bit out of sorts this week?**

TOMMY FLEETWOOD: Well, me and Rory are a good team as well. Very happy to play whoever it was we were put alongside. We were just very focused on what we were doing. We played very well yesterday. Wanted to come out of the blocks fast, and we did. Just continue to focus on what we were doing, and yeah, I actually thought it was a great match, especially on the back nine. I thought things really got going on the back nine with some eagles and birdies.

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