

U.S. Amateur Four-Ball

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Chambers Bay

Kelly Chinn

David Ford

Quick Quotes

Q. Great match for you guys. Taking it to the limits and beyond. What was the key getting through that first extra hole?

KELLY CHINN: You know, I think we just focused on our own game there. We kind of struggled a lot out there. In the first 18 holes we really just didn't get anything going. But you know, I was able to have a good lag putt up there to five feet, and then David had incredible two shots into the par-5 and drained that last putt. I think we just had our belief that we could still do it.

Q. You were on in two?

DAVID FORD: Yes, sir.

Q. What was your shot into the first extra hole?

DAVID FORD: I had 284 in, hit a 3-wood to about 20 feet.

Q. And then lagged it to --

DAVID FORD: Made it.

Q. You made it for eagle?

DAVID FORD: Yes, sir.

Q. That's a way to finish it off. I know you had to be frustrated going extra holes when you both had pretty decent looks for birdie on 18?

DAVID FORD: Yeah, I think the whole day was -- once our lead started to go down, I think it was frustrating a little bit. Just for the level we were playing at, the past two days, and then the level we played at today wasn't exactly the same, but although it was frustrating we never lost our belief that we were going to win.

I think we've got some things to learn and to work on, but we know we're good enough to win even if we're not



playing as well.

Q. When you're not playing well, how do you dig down deep to find it? I know you hear a lot of players talk about they can turn a 72 into a 66. What do you do from a psychological standpoint?

KELLY CHINN: You've really just got to forget about what you've done before then and just focus on just staying in the present, focus on each shot. I think I told David on 15 tee, just like we've got four holes left, and all we've got to do is focus on each shot and just by doing that I think we'd be in good shape. So I think just doing that is key.

Q. You won 17 or 16?

KELLY CHINN: Won 17.

Q. Who won it?

DAVID FORD: I lagged it. I had 30 feet and lagged it to gimme range.

Q. They bogeyed?

DAVID FORD: Yeah, one guy three-putted, the other guy -- I guess they both three-putted. Yeah, tough green, though.

Q. You guys are medalists. You always hear the old adage, it's tough to come back and start from scratch again. It's a grind.

KELLY CHINN: Yeah, there's also a lot of expectation from obviously ourselves and other people around. I know I experienced that in 2018, which was tough, but I always tell myself that the first match is always probably going to be the hardest mentally, just especially as a top seed or 1 seed just because of the expectation, but now we're past that round. We've experienced what we just experienced, and we're just going to learn from that and just continue on our run.

Q. You get that first match out of the way and they're coming in off a playoff, a little bit of momentum and nothing to lose, so you guys are feeling, we've got to win to live up to the seed. Sometimes that can be a psychological advantage or disadvantage?



DAVID FORD: Yeah, I think today our games weren't as good. I know I could prepare a little better before each shot, and I have a lot to learn from today, which I'm very thankful for. So I'm glad we got through. That was not my best golf out there. Kelly had some shots that I bet he feels like he could hit better, and I know he can hit those shots, and I know I can hit the shots. I'm glad that we have -- that we got through and we were able to learn from the first round.

Q. You said 18, is that the Junior?

KELLY CHINN: Yes, the Junior.

Q. Did you lose in the first round?

KELLY CHINN: I won in the first round, but it was more the second round. I played a really good player in Jacob Bridgeman, and so just going into that -- it was 1 versus a 33, so I was still kind of there.

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