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Aaron Rai

David Lipsky

Quick Quotes

Q. Just walk me through today's round on what complements each other's game with this pairing?

AARON RAI: We did complement each other really well today. David played some incredible golf, hit some shots really close, putted well. And David made a lot of birdies, especially early on and around the turn, which really got things going for us.

I chipped in a couple things on the back nine, but it was great to see David be a part of it. We gelled together well, but David played some incredible stuff today.

Q. Can you tell us how this pairing came about? Who contacted who, or what's the connection behind it?

DAVID LIPSKY: Our caddies are really good friends. They room together most weeks. It's just a comfortable fit for us. We know each other from the European Tour. So we always have that in common. I think it was meant to be.

Q. Caddies rooming together this week?

DAVID LIPSKY: I think so.

AARON RAI: I think so, yeah.

Q. You guys?

DAVID LIPSKY: No.

Q. Different format for tomorrow, but is there a different strategy today going into tomorrow?

DAVID LIPSKY: I think we have a pretty good understanding of each other's games, and we sort of mapped out how we're going to try to approach it tomorrow. I think our comfort level with each other's games and with the course will increase more and more as the week goes on.



Q. When's the last time you played foursomes, alternate shot?

AARON RAI: I've never played foursomes before. So tomorrow will be the first time.

DAVID LIPSKY: I played -- there's an event in Europe, it was called the GolfSixes. You only played like six holes. Every hole had like a different theme. One was alternate shot, one was best ball.

So I played like two holes alternate shot like five years ago. That was the closest I've had to this type of format.

Q. If I can ask you, David, about your accident. Hopefully you're okay?

DAVID LIPSKY: Yeah, I'm fine. Yeah, I was driving here on Tuesday morning, and there was a car right in front of me that had broke down, so I started changing lanes, and the guy behind me, I guess, wasn't paying attention and slammed on the brakes and smoked me.

I'm all right. I think the other two drivers were fine. Yeah, it was a little bit of a hectic beginning to the week.

Q. (Question about hiking out on No. 8)?

DAVID LIPSKY: I just needed the right wind. If it was in off the right, then it was the club I hit. If it was helping, it was going to be one less. The wind was touching off the right, and I executed the shot perfectly.

Q. It seems like you had strategy because you went first on the next hole. Was that the strategy you talked about?

AARON RAI: Yeah, I went first for the most part today. I was (indiscernible) on the 1st tee. Yeah, it worked out well. I think I drove it pretty good. David drove it very well. So we were in together on a lot of holes.

There were a couple of holes where we kind of were out of it, but for the most part, we were giving ourselves a couple



of chances, which was good.

We both played really solid. David was incredible today.

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