

**ROUND 4 INTERVIEW**  
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**KEVIN KISNER ( -15, won second playoff hole with birdie)**

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**HALEY PETERSON:** We would like to welcome the 2021 Wyndham Championship winner, Kevin Kisner, to the virtual media room.

Kevin, went down in exciting fashion to capture your fourth win and first playoff win. Just tell me the emotions once you sunk the putt?

**KEVIN KISNER:** Yeah, it was a heck of a week. To be honest, coming down with three or four holes to go, I really didn't think I had a chance to win. I wasn't watching the boards all day. When I birdied 16, I looked up and saw that I was only one back and I knew that 17 was a birdie hole and if you could hit a good drive on 18 you could have a chance. It's a crazy way to break the no-wins-in-playoff streak, but it was a fun week, awesome week put on by everyone here in Greensboro.

**HALEY PETERSON:** How special does this win feel, especially a come-from-behind and a six-man playoff?

**KEVIN KISNER:** Yeah, you know, every time you win out here, it's hard, and you never know when it's going to happen again so you've got to cherish every time. This year's been somewhat of a struggle for me, I kind of started the year with a playoff loss and struggled through the spring and started to find some form here late in the summer and rounding into form going into the Playoffs. So to cap off the season with a win and head to the FedExCup Playoffs, moving up the list and having a chance to win the FedExCup championship is just an awesome week.

**HALEY PETERSON:** Was there a certain number you knew you were going to have to shoot going in today and getting especially an early morning start and playing with wet conditions?

**KEVIN KISNER:** Yeah, I assumed that 17 or 18 would be close depending on how Russell did, he was so far out in front of me. I saw that I got off to a hot start and he didn't and nobody in the last group was really going that much lower, so my group was all plugging right away. We were all three in the playoff, so we kind of pulled each other along and played solid throughout the day. The back nine played a lot more difficult than the front. Having a chance to win was just the icing on the cake.

**Q. Kevin, what was the mindset after Adam missed that short putt in the playoff when you guys were heading back to 18 to play it yet again? Was there anything that changed for you?**

**KEVIN KISNER:** Not really. You've still got to somehow hit that fairway on 18, which I think is one of the toughest driving holes here at Sedgefield. I never thought that Adam was going to miss that putt. The only thing I could think of was he probably had to wait on that putt longer than any putt he's ever had to wait on to win with six guys going ahead and putting before him. Credit to him, he came right back and hit another great drive and a great shot.

But I was fortunate enough to have a perfect number into 18 and hit a really good shot and have one of those putts you really want to have to win the golf tournament.

**Q. You just mentioned this, but in a six-way playoff there's obviously a lot of time to think between shots. When you were waiting to putt on 18, what did you tell yourself to calm the adrenaline and keep your composure?**

**KEVIN KISNER:** I was pretty calm all day. I was actually a little more amped up early on than coming down the stretch. That's what's crazy about humans and pressure, you never know when you're going to be feeling it or how you're going to react.

When I got off to a pretty good start, I was feeling great. Feeling some heat, which is what we love. Then I didn't really think I had a chance to win with four, five holes to go, so I wasn't feeling that pressure.

Then getting into the playoff and all that was going on, you didn't really have time to think about the pressure, you're watching golf, trying to figure out what was going on, all these guys had putts to make birdie there on 18. I knew that I had a pretty good shot at making my putt. It was one of those putts you dream about having, three and a half, four feet, right edge, just get it going, so I wasn't too consumed with the pressure on my putt.

**Q. So what do you think this does for your Ryder Cup chances?**

**KEVIN KISNER:** Here we go. I said how many Ryder Cup questions are we going to have? Who knows, man. I've never been picked before, so I'm not going to go out there and jump on a limb and say that I'm going to get picked this year.

I love Stricker, he's a great friend and great guy. He'll do what's best for the team and the country. I would love more than anything to represent our country and be a part of that team. I need to play well in these Playoffs and continue to show great form.

**Q. But you felt a win would be pretty critical this time of year, right?**

**KEVIN KISNER:** Yeah, I mentioned it yesterday I felt like I had to win this week and next or win this week and play well in the next few. My game's rounding into form. I'm looking forward to the Playoffs and we'll just see how the cards play out.

**Q. Kind of following up on that last one a little bit, I just wanted your comments on how thin the line is between winning and not winning. For example, if Adam Scott**

**made that putt, we're not sitting here talking to you. You could make the Ryder Cup team because of something that small and having that second chance to go win on the next playoff hole.**

**Can you talk about that, how it can change one way or another in the blink of an eye?**

**KEVIN KISNER:** Yeah, it's a fickle crazy game that we play. The line is so thin between reward, success and jubilation to just being distraught leaving here. It's just a crazy wave of emotions. To be honest, whoever he picks to play on the Ryder Cup is going to go out there and play their best and I don't think he can make a bad choice.

**Q. Yeah, you've always had such a strong match play record, you've been really good at it, so it's always been a little strange that you had never won a playoff in the chances you've had. Does it feel good to kind of now sort of have that monkey off at that your back?**

**KEVIN KISNER:** My caddie reminds me that I won a playoff to get into match play against Ian Poulter the year I won, so he says that I'm 1-5, everybody else says I'm 0-5.

Yeah, for sure. I told him when we were going out there, I'm like, we're not really increasing our odds to win in this playoff too much with seven or six guys going at it. Just fortunate enough to be in that situation. Anytime you're in a playoff you've played great throughout the week. I think I've won nine times on Tour, not just four.

**Q. Just curious, Kevin, did you grow up watching the Ryder Cup? Was it something as a child that was important to you and that you were a fan of?**

**KEVIN KISNER:** Yeah, I always watched golf, for sure, and definitely watched the Ryder Cup. Anytime -- I love team sports, so anytime you can watch a team sport in golf, it's awesome. I love being a part of a team and trying to pull for other people. We don't ever get to pull for anyone else in this sport, that's the only chance we have and hopefully I'll get that chance.

**Q. Kevin, you have such a good record in match play, do you have a theory on why you hadn't had success in playoffs?**

**KEVIN KISNER:** Because whoever I was playing against made birdie and I didn't. That's pretty simple.

I never really gave any of the playoffs away, I didn't make a big number and was out of the holes, but just wasn't on the right side of the coin flip, so to speak. I'm proud of the way I've played in all my playoffs and just wasn't able to succeed, but hopefully y'all quit asking me this question after today.

**Q. Yeah, we've got to now, right? This is a course -- would you say this is one of the**

**courses that you felt really fit your game and that you might have a good chance of winning at someday?**

**KEVIN KISNER:** Yeah, for sure. My record's pretty good here at Sedgefield and I enjoy where everybody -- we've got to put the ball in the same place and then I love the greens surfaces, obviously what I grew up on. There's less of those courses on Tour than ever, so when we get to weeks like this, I really have to be on form to play well and these are my chances to hold the trophies.

**HALEY PETERSON:** How encouraging has this week been as you're on the hunt to try to make the TOUR Championship for the sixth time? What are just big takeaways from this week.

**KEVIN KISNER:** Yeah, I haven't played great this year and I haven't been in a great position to make the Tour Championship heading into the Playoffs, so I knew this week I needed to jump up the board and lock up especially the BMW in the second week to have a shot at East Lake. That's a huge goal of mine every year to start the year and that means you had a heck of a year and it sets up the following year every time you make it. You can't win it if you're not there, so let's go keep moving up.

**HALEY PETERSON:** That's all the questions we have. As always, appreciate you taking the time to talk with us and again, congratulations.

**KEVIN KISNER:** Thank you, Haley. Thanks, everyone.