

# Team Cup

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### Justin Rose

#### Quick Quotes

**Q. How are you taking to this new role as a captain, and how does it vary from focusing on the playing side of it?**

JUSTIN ROSE: Yeah, obviously it's a honour, first and foremost. I think it's been something that's sort of been on my mind. Because obviously sometimes you play as a player, you're obviously preparing all the time for tournaments that come up.

But when you have something like this looming large, you start thinking about it months in advance. What do I want to say? Are there any good ideas I have? What have I learned from previous captains? I feel like it's been a very big responsibility in my head for a number of months now and I think it's going well.

I think obviously once you get here on site, you see the players and you start to get more comfortable with the whole thing. But very different. Out of my comfort zone for sure but that's always good to challenge yourself.

**Q. You'll be receiving input from Ryder Cup Captain Luke Donald as far as of the pairings, but are you more of a data-driven guy or will you go with a gut feeling?**

JUSTIN ROSE: Honestly I think I am a bit of a hybrid. I think Edoardo on the stats side, he's been very important to Ryder Cups in recent times. And I think even on my own personal individual game, you can get great insights by using the stats.

I also think coming into this week, first week after Christmas, stats maybe are less relevant than if we've played ten or fifteen tournaments and we all know exactly where our games are. There's a few guys changing equipment and this and that. There's a few variables in there. I think sometimes you've got to play a little bit of a hunch, too.

**Q. What advice have you taken from other people**

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**coming into this? Anybody outside of sport, as captains often do?**

JUSTIN ROSE: I just think clear messaging. I think that's what the team seemed to like. Just having a bit of a plan and communicating the plan.

I think that's what I noticed last night is as soon as the players kind of got wind of what was happening today, they kind of started to shuffle into their pairings. You could almost tell it relaxes them; that they now can kind of like build. They know what they are about to experience a bit more.

You come in, and there's ten guys and you're looking around and you might not know who you are going to play with. I think the unknown is what scares players more than the job at hand.

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