

Team Cup

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Quick Quotes

Q. Back at the Team Cup, this time as a player instead of a captain. What's the vibe like this time around?

TOMMY FLEETWOOD: I'm enjoying it a lot. I love being part of the team. I think we have a great bunch of lads, and I think this week in particular I find it a very motivating week. There is a huge focus on September, of course. And I find that very motivating. I would love to make that team, like all of us would.

But at the same time being around the guys, you want to play well for them, and I think it's just a very high standard of golf that you're around as a team. So I really enjoy that.

For us, Great Britain's captain, Justin has been amazing so far. I've loved watching him, listening to him talk and watching how he's going about it.

Yeah, for me, captain last time, I still don't feel like I'm anywhere near a position in my career where I should be a captain but it was a huge learning thing for me, and just again, watching these guys, like Fran, Justin, and any captain I've ever sort of played for, it's great watching them and learning from them.

Q. If we look back to two years ago, six guys who played here did qualify for the Ryder Cup and represented Europe there. Speaking to Romain, he wasn't initially one of the nine that was picked. He was the final pick for Continental Europe and he made it a goal to get here; shows how serious you guys are taking this week?

TOMMY FLEETWOOD: Yeah, of course. You go back to the plane journey home from Whistling Straits and we were looking at what we needed to do to give ourselves the best chance, and at that time it was two years away, the next Ryder Cup, and a team event was something that we spoke about.

And then it's great to see like how highly Luke has spoke

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about the role that the Team Cup played in what happened in Rome. You know, for all of us, yeah, you want to make it here. We want to focus on this individual week, as well. We all want to be part of a winning team and we want to win for our teammates and our nation.

Yeah, I think it's just great that this event has a really important meaning, and for me I'm very proud to be here playing and looking forward to it.

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