

The Amateur Championship

Quick Quotes

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John Gough

R&A

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Q. You must be happy with your day today?

JOHN GOUGH: Absolutely. This morning, I played fantastic both games. Obviously score-wise this morning was less stressful.

Fantastic game this afternoon. Credit to James how good we both played. I said on 18th tee, no matter the outcome, this has been an amazing game.

But yeah, very happy with the outcome obviously and to hole a nice putt on 18 is always nice in front of everyone.

Q. With that, it means you've only lost once in the last 23 match-play games. That is some record.

JOHN GOUGH: Yeah, I'd like to keep the record going. So obviously a few more games to have this week, so hopefully I can keep that one going.

But again, as I've said all week, it's a different opponent, a different game every day. So that's in the past and we're on about the next match.

Q. How big is this for you in your golf career? At what stage is this the biggest week of your life?

JOHN GOUGH: At the end of the week this could be the biggest week of my life. We're hopeful for that. But obviously with the way I'm playing, I'm very confident and I feel very happy with my game, so there's no reasons why I can't. Love to see it.

Q. Now, this morning when you won your game, you were disappearing out of the gate. Where were you off to? Did you have a big lunch break?

JOHN GOUGH: Big breakfast. We went to just a local live-in kitchen, and I had to admit, I was saying to my caddie on the 8th tee I had too much food there. Because of the amount of water we have to drink because of the weather, I was like, I don't know if I can do anymore.

Went to lunch beforehand, sat down for a bit and then it was like a new day.

Q. How important is fitness throughout the week? To win this thing, you have to really do a marathon?

JOHN GOUGH: Absolutely. Luckily I've had a bit of experience going the whole week, the whole duration of the week.

So I know what to expect. If it matches the finish earlier, that's obviously a bonus. But it's matches like that that takes it out of you because even if that was this morning's match I would have been drained mentally.

Drinking lots of water and eating good food, that's the key really.

Q. Golf seems to run in the family. Where is the little brother this week?

JOHN GOUGH: He's at home. I think he was trying to give me a chance this week. I don't think he wants to show me up. He should be at home this week but we'll see him again soon.

Q. Try and bring this trophy home for the golf family.

JOHN GOUGH: It's one he doesn't have, so that would be nice.

Q. Is it starting to feel like a home course, given your Lytham Trophy success in May?

JOHN GOUGH: Yeah, absolutely. Myself and my caddie, Huff, we were walking down 13. I said, "I feel lately like we've played so many round around this place." I think it's around 12 or 13 now with the practise rounds.

No better place to play lots of golf, is there. It's a brutal. Tests every part of your game, and it's enjoyable, especially when you're playing good.

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