

The Amateur Championship

Quick Quotes

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Matthew Dodd-Berry

R&A

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Q. Congratulations, hard-fought match in the end to make it through to the quarterfinals. You must be really happy?

MATTHEW DODD-BERRY: Yeah, really happy. Tommy is a great player and it was a really good match. I think he won 16, 17 to go back to all-square to go down the last. Got the nerves going and fortunately got it done but yeah, it was really good game and hats off to Tommy for a really good game.

Q. Talk to us about the last hole. He's just won two holes and you've had control of the match all day, what do you tell yourself standing on the 18th tee?

MATTHEW DODD-BERRY: Well, it was kind of just reset. It was just, you know, go again. It's just another golf hole. Just see what happens. I knew the pin was at the front and it was going to be hard to stop the ball there. I was kind of like almost trying to hit a shot that would just get there or wouldn't quite and it didn't quite get there. Left myself an uphill putt which was nice. Yeah, rolled it in but yeah, it was a pretty tough hole considering the circumstances.

Q. Talk to us about your match this morning.

MATTHEW DODD-BERRY: It was a long time ago. I won 2&1 against -- who did I play? I don't know. I can't remember. But it was a good match. Oh, it was Richard. That was also a good match. He did the same. Clawed it back a little bit. I holed a putt on 15 for birdie, gave it a big fist-pump. That settled down the nerves and allowed me to finish the game this morning.

Q. This is a real long championship and not remembering your morning match is indicative of how much golf you have to play.

MATTHEW DODD-BERRY: Without a doubt. At the end of the day, you've just played -- I think I played 35 holes. So my brain is kind of fried. You just want to go home and watch the England game. It takes it out of you. You want to kick back and relax. We'll go again tomorrow.

Q. You've never made it this far in the championship before. You must be really proud of your efforts so far?

MATTHEW DODD-BERRY: Yeah, I am. But my dad and brother and my mum, my coach, they keep reminding me the job is not done yet. So they keep pushing me. I'm pleased with where I got to but it's all about keeping it going.

Q. They are reminding you that the job is not done yet?

MATTHEW DODD-BERRY: Yeah.

Q. And they are right. But is it hard to not stop thinking about what's on offer for the champion at the end of this week?

MATTHEW DODD-BERRY: It is a little bit. It's in the back of your head but you're just trying to focus on one shot at a time and I think my brother, who is on the bag, does a really good job of that, reminding me of that; that it's just one shot at a time. All that matters is the next shot.

Q. What's your brother's name?

MATTHEW DODD-BERRY: Joseph.

Q. And is Joseph a good golfer, too?

MATTHEW DODD-BERRY: He is. He's off 4, I think. He's pretty handy himself and he's only 15. He's pretty good.

Q. We'll keep our eye out for his name in the future.

MATTHEW DODD-BERRY: Definitely.

Q. You're a member at Royal Liverpool. And you saw what Christo did there last year at The Amateur Championship. Is that something that inspires you?

MATTHEW DODD-BERRY: Yeah, it is for sure. He's a great player. Just graduated out of college and he's a big inspiration to us all, trying to play golf as good as him,



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really, and win The Amateur like he did, yeah.

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