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Smash GC

Talor Gooch

Press Conference

THE MODERATOR: Let's welcome Talor Gooch from Smash GC. You shot a 5-under 66 today. You are currently tied for sixth, sitting at 8-under, just four shots off the lead from Brooks. Tell us a little bit about your day.

TALOR GOOCH: It was a good day. When you have to wait around kind of all morning into the afternoon, you've got to stay sharp somehow, and you never know if you're going to come out flat. Fortunately we came out with a couple birdies early and it turned into a good day.

Q. How much is it a push-pull tomorrow between you going after Brooks and trying to catch him but him also being a teammate and trying to get that Smash win?

TALOR GOOCH: At the end of the day, I'm trying to beat him. I know if I've beaten, I've played some good golf, which helps the team, and I know he's not going to play bad golf.

I was able to beat him a couple times last year when it was close, so I want to keep that trend going.

Q. Smash is currently in the lead but only by one shot. You guys are trailed pretty closely by Ripper and RangeGoats. Knowing Ripper had an awesome week last week, as well, and knowing how volatile it is with all four scores counting, what are your predictions for tomorrow?

TALOR GOOCH: I don't know if I have any predictions, but I like our chances.

Q. How much would a team win mean here following your individual win last year?

TALOR GOOCH: I mean, we've had some success this year, but we haven't clicked really. I know that we've all at times been searching for our games, and so we know how hard it is to win as a team out here, and you don't take it for granted. Hopefully we can go get it done tomorrow.



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Q. Talor, how would you describe trying to catch Brooks when he has a three-shot lead?

TALOR GOOCH: Hard.

Q. But not impossible?

TALOR GOOCH: No, not impossible. Out here there's enough shots that are demanding that if you get a little bit loose, it's easy to not shoot 3- or 4-under par out here. You've got to play some dang good golf. But if you are playing good, as he's done and as others have done, you can make some birdies and get it going.

Winning golf tournaments is never easy. We all know that. Hopefully we can make it not easy on him -- hopefully I can make it not easy on him tomorrow.

Q. Were you guys hanging around together as a team during the rain delay, and what was the most interesting comment made during that rain delay?

TALOR GOOCH: Probably can't say what the most interesting comment was, but no, we were watching basketball. I get back home Monday, hopefully, knock on wood, and Tuesday I'll be going to the Thunder-Mavs first game, which we were watching the Mavs close out the Clips, and talking about hockey, too.

I think Brooks secretly wants the Bruins tomorrow so he can give some of our other dudes some hard times.

Watching sports, talking sports, hanging out.

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