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Jamie Donaldson

Quick Quotes

JAMIE DONALDSON: It's a wonderful place, great scenery. We've got good weather this week, so yeah, looking forward to playing the Kings Course, which is playing fast and running but narrow in places and yeah, good test of golf.

Q. And Stenson, Gallacher, Jiménez, McGinley, all part of the back room, how great to be back here?

JAMIE DONALDSON: Yeah, it's great memories. I'm in the hotel from tonight, so it's great to be back and around that team room environment. But obviously this week will be very different with it being obviously individual week and nobody will be getting too friendly with each other. It will be back down to business.

Q. And that winning shot on 15, have you ever hit a better shot in your life?

JAMIE DONALDSON: Not for the time, no. Not when it mattered as much as that. I've gone back and replayed the shot and hit good shots, but yeah, the time, yeah, it was perfect. As in the makeup for the shot, everything, the wind, the position, the yardage was perfect for a full shot, which is sometimes you're in a position to hit something that means a lot and you're in between clubs but it was just a perfect full wedge.

Yeah, the rest is history, kind of thing.

Q. Turning back to your career, obviously you played all the way through to over 50s golf. What's kept the fire burning for you?

JAMIE DONALDSON: Well it kind of starts again, doesn't it. It's hard the back end of playing on tour golf against all the youngsters that are coming out. If you have a good week, you still play well but the consistency was always quite difficult to maintain. You'd have a great week and then you might not have another good finish for a month or six weeks.



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It was very difficult to understand how that could happen, where before, when you were playing well in your prime, kind of thing, if you had a good week, you would continue to have good weeks because that was your time of the year to play well. It was difficult at the end, and the last sort of three or four years of hanging on, finding ways to stay out there competing, but you didn't compete often enough.

Suddenly you're 50, you start again, and you're playing on the Senior Tour, bits in America, bits in Europe and you're now not one of the shorter hitters. You're one of the longer hitters. It all just changes and then you're in a position to compete every week again. The courses are slightly shorter, more playable and more fun.

So you get a rejuvenation, regeneration -- what's the word -- yeah. You get to go again. You get to go again, and it's great. Where lots of sports like football, you're stopping at 35, and most athletic sports sort of get to 30 and you're done.

So we're very lucky to have that privilege and to do it all again, to start and be one of the young fresh guys out on tour and it's great fun. I've really enjoyed it.

Q. Do you feel like there's still some unfinished business in under 50s golf and you can compete, or is your attention fully on the Senior Tour now?

JAMIE DONALDSON: I have a few events. I'll go back and play on the main tour but that will be me signing off. My golf now is here because this is where -- it's all age related, isn't it.

You're generally not going to compete week-in, week-out over 50 on the main tour but out here, that's a strong possibility. There's different goals to make, and it's just much more exciting at this time of life.

Q. You've already picked up a couple of victories on the Legends Tour but what would it mean to pick up a major this week?

JAMIE DONALDSON: Massive. These are big events. This is the third win I've played in this year. These are the ones everybody wants to win. Very strong field.



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So this is the week to play well, and winning would be massive. For any individual to win this week would be a real good, strong performance that you'd have to put in because the course is playing quite tough. You have to hit the fairways. Yeah, it's going to be a really fun week.

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