

Sentry Tournament of Champions

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Kapalua, Maui, Hawaii, USA

Plantation Course at Kapalua

Talor Gooch

Quick Quotes

Q. Talor, good start to your first time here. Take me through what you saw out there and how it was to experience this for the first time in a tournament round.

TALOR GOOCH: It was good. It was funny, the wind hasn't been out of that direction the last few days of practice, so I probably took a little more time, especially on tee shots because the flip of the wind out here makes the tee shots a lot different.

So it was nice seeing the course in a different kind of wind and nice to see it with some wind too. You're so accustomed to seeing this on TV growing up and seeing it just blustery windy. So nice to get a little bit of wind and obviously had a good start, so it was nice day.

Q. I saw a lot of people playing the front nine twice on Tuesday in their practice round. I imagine that's because of the wind. Did you get a sense for that and if people were doing that for that reason?

TALOR GOOCH: Maybe. I don't know. I feel like the wind is kind of going to be the same everywhere. I don't know why anyone would do that. Maybe they're smarter than me.

No, I don't know. That's a good question. There's just, I think we get a few cart rides more on the front than the back, so there's a lot more elevation change happening on the front side, so that could be something with that.

Q. You had quite the week leading up to this. How important was that for you to kind of have some fun and refresh before teeing it up in the first event?

TALOR GOOCH: My caddie and I talked about it. To have a win at the end of the season was great because if it was in the middle of the season, you have so much more responsibility on your shoulders preceding the win, and so it was nice to have it at the end of the season when I could



kind of savor it and take it all in and not have to get right back on the horse and get going again the next week. So it was perfect timing and couldn't have been a better scenario.

Q. Take me through the eagle on 9.

TALOR GOOCH: Any eagle is great, but especially when you hit driver, driver. I can't remember the last time I hit a driver off the deck and made eagle from it, it usually doesn't work out like that. So nice little eagle, it usually kick starts the round, unfortunately it didn't really kick start mine, but it was a good par-5 and extremely birdieable one, so it was nice to get what felt like more than one on the field.

Q. Are the green reading books affecting you?

TALOR GOOCH: I'm excited for it. I use the green reading books, but I think it was to a detriment at times and I play my best when I think less, I calculate less, I kind of try to be reactive and so having no greens books is great for that.

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