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The Olympic Club

Jacob Modleski

Quick Quotes

Q. Obviously, 36 holes, absolute grind out there. How did you find the strength within you to finish out the last few holes?

JACOB MODLESKI: Honestly, it's not a question of strength. You're definitely pretty high strung the last few holes, so I was having no problem with energy.

I think a big part of it is kind of planning out the day and knowing the potential of how long of a day it's going to be. I did a good job of getting ready between rounds, utilized the physio people. They were great. They were very helpful. Stayed loose and focused a lot on hydration and food out there. So, yeah, it worked.

Q. You came into the week obviously as one of the people who a lot of people were talking about with a chance to make the Walker Cup team. How much has that been on your mind leading into the week and whatnot and maybe elevated your play because you're well in this tournament with a chance to win it?

JACOB MODLESKI: I would say it's there in the back of my mind, but I've done a really good job of not allowing it really to influence my thoughts. I've really focused on controlling what I can control, and ultimately I have no real say in that no matter how well I play. Obviously if you win, you're exempt. Outside of that, I don't control that.

I've done really well the past few months of just making sure that, if I start to think about something like that, that I just kind of ask myself, is there anything I can do about it? No, and I kind of move on.

I've done a good job of it's there, it's always going to be there. I'd be lying if I said it wasn't. But I've done a good job of not letting it really affect me. Just ask myself if there's anything I can do about it, great. If not, move on.

Q. You guys only tied two holes today. Did it feel like a roller coaster match like that?



JACOB MODLESKI: It did. It did feel like a roller coaster match. If you look at how the matches have played out this week, a lot of times it's a roller coaster with pars, and it was a roller coaster with birdies today, and it was cool. That's what you want in match play.

This course hasn't offered a whole bunch of birdies to anybody this week. Paul and I both played great. He's a great competitor. It was a really fun match.

Q. You kind of had to play behind those crowds all day long. You get to kind of go up against it tomorrow. Is that something that you kind of embrace getting to look forward to maybe being kind of the villain tomorrow?

JACOB MODLESKI: That's certainly not how I'm going to approach it, but I know that's how everyone else is going to approach it. It's back to what we were talking about earlier, there's not much I can do about it. I'm just looking forward to tomorrow and whatever tomorrow brings.

Q. Purple ribbon on the hat. Is there a story for that?

JACOB MODLESKI: Yeah, we started wearing them, they passed them out at Sunnehanna in honor of Jay Sigel. I kept wearing it this summer in honor of him and in honor of a family friend who had the same cancer, and she actually rang the bell a few weeks ago. It was awesome.

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