

World Baseball Classic: Pool B

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Daikin Park

Team Great Britain

Manager Brad Marcelino

Jazz Chisholm Jr.

Harry Ford

Workout Day Press Conference



Q. This is for Jazz. What does it mean to you having the opportunity to inspire hundreds or thousands of young kids, baseball and softball in the U.K.

JAZZ CHISHOLM JR.: I feel like it means so much to me, especially coming from a small home country in the Bahamas, and knowing how hard it is for a country that is not known for the sport of baseball to get on the map, or to even be inspired to try it. Being from the same place as them, wearing the same flag as them, and doing and what they would love do one day, it just feels great to do that and change a kid's life, knowing that I came from the same place as them.

Q. The last time you put on the jersey for Team GB it was in 2017 -- no 2016 -- and you had just been signed at a small stadium in Coney Island. It feels like it's a bit of difference (indiscernible) 10 years. How does it feel to put the jersey back on again?

JAZZ CHISHOLM JR.: It feels great. I was trying to put it back on three years ago, but wasn't able to. Now that I am able to wear it again, it feels good, putting on the GB uniform and going out there and playing in the WBC.

Q. This question is for Brad. Brad, you have described your team as a "bunch of freaking tough dogs." What are some of the qualities that they have that made you use that description?

BRAD MARCELINO: The -- you look at our team, and I think what we are trying to build is guys that have different backgrounds, right. They are from different countries, different areas, different cities, growing up in different places. And when you start to put those things together we are all coming together for a common cause, like Jazz says, for the kids, for the country, for the people.

And you start to hear some of the characteristics of these players, and you hear certain words. And that's the relentless, how we understand when we are in this moment, right, it is us-verses-them mentality. I can't really say the words that we use, but that's kind of how we think about this thing, is we are not here to just kind of hang out.

And that's how we are going to play. And I am excited about it, because we do have a bunch of dogs in the clubhouse, which is what we want.

Q. Hello, Jazz. We saw you made a hole-in-one in a par 4 a couple days ago. You planning to play any golf during the tournament?

JAZZ CHISHOLM JR.: Unfortunately, I didn't bring my clubs. And I don't have any more practice balls.

BRAD MARCELINO: Was that real?

JAZZ CHISHOLM JR.: It was really a double eagle on a par 5, the second shot on a par 5.

BRAD MARCELINO: Didn't know you got that in you.

JAZZ CHISHOLM JR.: Hey, I'm nasty (laughter).

Q. And it was with a practice ball?

JAZZ CHISHOLM JR.: Yes, a practice ball and rental clubs.

Q. Benji Gil, the manager for Team Mexico, just sent a message to all of the people in Mexico, that put attention to baseball. Like, Mexico is a football/soccer country, maybe Great Britain too. So you can send a message to the people in Great Britain to put attention in baseball.

JAZZ CHISHOLM JR.: Yeah, I would say that, because I feel like we have a lot of players on our team that are, like he said, we are dogs. We don't have anybody on our team that doesn't have the talent. When we go out there and play you're going to be, like, this team is very talented.



Everybody is going to be shocked.

We plan on shocking the world. So, we don't want the people back home in Great Britain to be shocked. We want them to know that this is what we were planning to do.

THE MODERATOR: Harry, anything you want to add on that?

HARRY FORD: Yeah, this team is a bunch of fighters, a bunch of young guys with a lot of energy who are really ready to get after it and perform on the stage. And we are so motivated, like Jazz was saying earlier, for the kids in Great Britain and Bahamas, the kids that don't have big role models, especially in this sports, to look up to. We are really excited to show them what we got.

Q. Harry, you wearing that cape and the crown was a moment for the last WBC. Have you guys prepared something for this time around?

HARRY FORD: We are still trying to figure it out.

JAZZ CHISHOLM JR.: Yes, we do but you will see.

BRAD MARCELINO: It is going to be cool.

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