

U.S. Amateur Championship

Quick Quotes

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Doc Redman

THE MODERATOR: We would like to welcome Doc Redman, 1-up winner over Mark Lawrence in the semifinals of the 117th U.S. Amateur.

By the look on your face it means a lot. I can tell. When you're playing a tough match like that and then you win it on 18, tell us what you were thinking as you played that hole and how you approached the tee shot on 18 after he had squared the match.

DOC REDMAN: I approached the tee shot the same as I always had. I had a good target the whole week and I stuck with that and just tried to hit the little fade I hit down there. I had been swinging great all day, so I had a lot of the confidence in it.

I hit a great drive. That second shot is really difficult downwind. That green seems to be probably the firmest green on the course. I knew that if I could just get it to land anywhere near the hole it would stop middle of the green and wouldn't be bad. Hit a good shot just short. He had a tough two-putt.

You know, I thought he might make that second one. It was straight up the hill and he had been putting really well. Just happened to go my way and won.

Q. You're in the finals of the U.S. Amateur. What does that mean to you?

DOC REDMAN: It's great. I'm so excited to be able to compete for the Championship tomorrow, especially after how I played in stroke play, which was horrendous. I didn't think after I finished it I had any chance of moving on to match play.

I'm really happy to be here still obviously.

THE MODERATOR: Questions.

Q. Particularly early in the match I think there were three or four times that you got up and down I think for halves most of the time. Did you feel particularly good about your game around the greens today? Was that a little nerve wracking?

DOC REDMAN: Yeah, it wasn't nerve wracking. I did feel good about myself today on the green. I worked on my chipping a lot this summer. I have great



confidence in it, that basically no matter where I hit it I can get up and down and make a putt.

So I was just confident.

Q. How much did Dean help you today? Is there a lot of the dialog between you, or is he basically a cart with legs?

DOC REDMAN: No, I mean, I wouldn't say that. There is not a whole lot of dialog. I like to do my own thing. It's also great to have him there when I'm unsure of anything.

I think most the information I want is wind just so I can commit to a number and hit it there. That's definitely what I struggle with most, is committing.

Q. How big a difference is there between playing in the conditions you did yesterday afternoon and playing in the morning when it's a lot more benign out here?

DOC REDMAN: It's huge. Yesterday was I think the windiest day of the week. It's brutal out there. The course is difficult enough getting firmer, and with the wind, you turn -- especially on the back nine. Those holes are so hard.

I think it was definitely -- I think you could tell we played a lot better, a lot better shots, or closer to the hole at least. I think it makes a huge difference. But still, we're both playing in the same conditions. I guess if it was stroke play it would make a huge difference. Match play, not a huge difference.

Q. You mentioned you played horrendous during qualifying. Take me through Tuesday. How long did you have to wait? Were you refreshing your phone?

DOC REDMAN: I was honestly not too worried about it. I figured if it was meant to be it would happen. We went to the beach. We went to a Dodgers game. I was trying to chill and not really check my phone.

I didn't want to stress about it really. You know, like I said, if it was going to happen, then it was going to happen. Me stressing about it wasn't going to help?

Q. Based on your play at the Western, how much of a shock to the system was it that you didn't play as

well as you...

DOC REDMAN: It wasn't a shock. I think, as everyone knows in golf, you can't play well every week and stuff like that happens. It was disappointing more than anything that I didn't play better.

I knew if I could get in match play that it would be kind of the reset button and I would be okay.

Q. What do you know about your opponent tomorrow, Doug?

DOC REDMAN: I don't know a lot about him. Never really met him. I know few of his teammates. I'm sure he's a great guy, very nice. Obviously he's a great player. He's been playing awesome this summer.

Doesn't seem like he's really had a close match this week either. I think he's playing great golf and it's going to be a fun match.

Q. Had you had much experience on kikuyu grass before this week?

DOC REDMAN: I think I've had zero experience on kikuyu grass. I think I'm still learning every day.

Q. What about Riviera did you know coming into this? Watch it on television?

DOC REDMAN: I honestly hadn't watched it much on television. I knew the 6, the bunker in the middle. I knew 10 ten being pretty difficult, even though it was short.

I kind of knew about 18 being the blind tee shot. Other than that, I didn't know anything about it.

Q. Do you think not having that experience with the course and the kikuyu and all that has maybe in a weird way helped you this week? It's a course a lot of people think requires local knowledge.

DOC REDMAN: I don't think it's helped me. I don't think it's really made a difference. I tried to do the best job I could of adapting and learning as I went along best I could.

Q. What changed from Tuesday to the rest of the week?

DOC REDMAN: Nothing in particular really. I just tried to hang tough. I knew that eventually I would start playing some good golf, and tried to draw on past experiences, specifically last week as well. Just trying to stay confident and comfortable. I've been playing well.

Q. What's the plan to get ready for tomorrow?

DOC REDMAN: No plan. I think just kind of chill out this afternoon and enjoy the afternoon, enjoy hanging with my family. That's about it.

Q. The last three summers you've caddied back in North Carolina?

DOC REDMAN: Yes.

Q. How much caddying do you think there is in your future?

DOC REDMAN: No, I think -- I don't think I plan on changing it at all. If I can get out and caddie and make some money, I think that would be great.

Q. This summer?

DOC REDMAN: No, not this summer. I got to go to school right after this.

Q. Oh, yeah. That gets in the way.

DOC REDMAN: Yeah, school starts Wednesday. Got to get there quickly.

Q. Western Amateur helped you this week specifically.

DOC REDMAN: Yeah, I played great in stroke play, which gave me a lot of confidence, especially because the Western Am is such a strong event. Especially it's such a grind. I think I counted it up and I played 145 competition holes in five days.

Then I really played awesome in match play as well against some world-class opponents. Proved to myself that I could get it done.

Q. Starting the summer where was the Walker Cup on the radar and where do you think you are right now?

DOC REDMAN: It was a goal of mine this summer. I tried to play in the events that were grade and I wanted to play well in them. It was a goal, but I was obviously not on the list. I knew if I could get some good tournaments in I could be up there.

Right now, I think these past two events have helped me a lot. There is no way of knowing how they feel. I've talked to Spider a little. Very nice guy. We'll just see what happens.

Q. What's the most difficult things in your life you've overcome?

DOC REDMAN: Oh, man, most difficult thing in my life I've overcome? I don't think I have an answer to that. I'm sorry. I have had no huge trials and tribulations like some people. It's been a good life. Yeah, just normal stuff I guess.

THE MODERATOR: Congratulations. Well-played. See you tomorrow.