

## **U.S. JUNIOR AMATEUR – JULY 22, 2016**

### **NOAH GOODWIN**

#### ***Post-quarterfinal***

##### **Q. Noah, how exciting is it to be in the semifinal?**

NOAH GOODWIN: I'm so excited. I'm pumped. I've been playing good all week and I just want to continue to just play my game, which I feel like I can.

##### **Q. Still making a lot of birdies today. What is it about this course that you can make so many birdies?**

NOAH GOODWIN: I just feel like I give myself great opportunities with my wedges on a lot of holes. I have about seven where I know if I hit this club off the tee box and I hit it well, I'm going to have a really, really good yardage for me.

I just feel like it makes me really comfortable out here.

##### **Q. You jumped on him early and took the lead. Why were you able to do that?**

NOAH GOODWIN: Partly because of my wedges. I was hitting the ball really close. Hit a good shot in on 1 and just lipped out, just missed my putt for birdie.

I was able to birdie 2.

Holed 4. He kind of gave me that one with a 3-putt.

On hole 5 I hit really, really good 6-iron that came back off the slope to about five or six feet.

Then I was able to make a putt on 6 for birdie.

##### **Q. How far was the putt on 6?**

NOAH GOODWIN: 6 was about eight feet or so. I haven't really made any long putts for birdie this week. They've all been inside ten feet. I think my longest one this entire week was a 20-footer for birdie.

##### **Q. You also made birdie on the par-5, 11, to win that hole.**

NOAH GOODWIN: Yes, I hit -- stripped a drive right down the middle and I hit an awful 3-wood. Kind of just a low blade into the rough left. I had a really good yardage out of there, about 100 yards, which is a full 58-degree, and I was able to stick it about six feet and put some pressure on him and I was able to make that putt.

##### **Q. Let's talk about your swing coach, Cameron McCormick. What have you learned from a to him and how is that process going?**

NOAH GOODWIN: He's helped me a lot with my mental game. I used to be very negative on myself and very hard on myself, just kind of beating myself up whenever I failed. He's really helped me with that side of it.

Also, just all of the things he's taught me with my swing. I understand my swing better now than ever before. To know if I mishit a shot, basically what I did and why I do it, I think that's so valuable, especially on 36 holes a day. It's whenever you're getting tired and everything and old habits start to creep in.

##### **Q. When you see that he works with the U.S. Open champion Jordan Spieth, does that give you more confidence in what he's telling you?**

NOAH GOODWIN: He's the best. That's all I can say. I trust everything with my golf game to him because he's the best. I know he's never going to steer me wrong.

##### **Q. How long have you been working with him?**

NOAH GOODWIN: I start with Cameron in August of 2014.

**Q. Appreciate your time. Good luck.**

NOAH GOODWIN: Thank you, sir.

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### ***Post-semifinal***

**Q. You've gotten to round of 16 in this before; you've played in the U.S. Amateur and got to match play, but what is this moment like to get in the final?**

NOAH GOODWIN: Absolutely incredible. I've been thinking about it ever since the Amateur last year.

Everything I've been grinding towards every single day, it's been to the get to the finals here this week.

Just to accomplish that goal itself is huge for me.

**Q. Despite John's troubles on the 20th hole, talk about the second shot with the 4-iron.**

NOAH GOODWIN: Well, I figured since he had got out of absolutely death on the very first playoff hole that I had to make something happen. I haven't really played this hole too well all week. I've made a couple of birdies, but I've always been hitting very poor shoots into the green to leave myself just short.

Hit a great shot in in the second round and I flew it way long, but to finally get the number, especially in a moment with as much pressure as there was, means a lot.

**Q. Tight match all the way. Then on 15 was a key moment. He had that 5-iron from 196 in there tight. Almost holed it. Then you make the 20-footer. How did you read that putt, because that wasn't an easy putt?**

NOAH GOODWIN: No. It was mostly just play it out left; just get it to a certain point. We knew it would take a fall line. As soon as it left the putter face I knew it was going to be really, really good.

The thing is if I didn't hit the hole I don't think I really could have stopped that putt too well. Just kind of played it out there and just kind of hit and hope.

**Q. Did you think that was a big moment when you made that?**

NOAH GOODWIN: I thought it was a big momentum swing for me in my direction. He had been kind of controlling the last few holes and kind of missed some birdie putts out there, so I felt like that was a big swing for me.

**Q. What was your reaction mentally when he dropped the 30-footer on the next hole?**

NOAH GOODWIN: I knew he had been missing a lot of putts barely and I knew he was due for one. I also knew in match play anything can happen, and that's when stuff like that tends to happen.

So I tried -- I wasn't very shocked by it actually happening. I just had to accept it and move on to the next hole.

**Q. Then on the first extra hole had a chance to end it, and probably one or two revolutions short, that putt. Did you think you made it when you hit it?**

NOAH GOODWIN: I thought I left it a little bit low, but I thought no way I left it short. I hit putts from there in the practice round. You couldn't stop it at all.

So I guess a little bit with the greens being slower throughout the day and everything just caused it to come up short.

**Q. Have you played in 36-hole finals before?**

NOAH GOODWIN: I have not. This will be my first one.

**Q. Obviously played 36 in one day, but how much different do you think it will be playing just one match as opposed to two?**

NOAH GOODWIN: Well, it will be completely different. You have to stay committed to the match the entire time and stay patient with it. Philip proved last year you can come down from big leads or you can lose big leads. You just have to take one shot at a time, one hole at a time.

**Q. Was that something you watched on TV last year, the comeback?**

NOAH GOODWIN: 100%. It was awesome.

**Q. What did you learn from watching Philip come back?**

NOAH GOODWIN: Take one shot at time and it's not over until the final putt drops.