



Q. Beef, how does the Aussie beer stack up?

ANDREW JOHNSTON: Yeah, it's great. You know, there's a lot of craft beer going on here. I haven't checked much on this side. I know when I was in Perth earlier this year I went to Little Creatures Brewery, which was great. Drunk a load of that one of the day testing out all the different beers and stuff. And I love my craft beers, so it's good. Trying to find all the little breweries and then knocking about, it's good fun.

Q. And what Aussie food do you love the most and why?

ANDREW JOHNSTON: The steak's really good here, love the steak here. I like the food in general is just good. I always try and find nice places along the beach or something like that go and eat at. Just Google it out and try to find as many good restaurants as I can in the week and try eat some good food. Like the general food quality here is just great.

Q. Speaking of the beach, Beef, we brought one obviously to the 16th hole. What do you think of the idea of having a few people out on the beach while you're trying to play into the 16th this week?

ANDREW JOHNSTON: Yeah, I think it's a brilliant idea, adds something different to the hole, different to the event. I think crowds and people are going to like it as well. I'm always up for ideas like that. I think it's a good thing.

Q. Do you think golf's getting to that point now where we need to introduce more interesting formats and different initiatives to engage with people and get fans out to the course?

ANDREW JOHNSTON: Yeah, definitely. I think a few different formats and I think it's engaging with the crowds doing different things like that. I think I hear there's a DJ on this hole as well, which is going to be interesting. It gets more people involved and gives them a day out. I think if you want to go somewhere and you say, oh, what are we going to do on a Saturday with your friends, and you say, oh, there's golf and we can sit on 16 and there's a DJ, we'll have some fun, they're going to turn up. I think it advertises to a wider audience.

Q. Do you think professionals are kind of coming around to -- I guess when you play the same format every week, do you think they're coming around to the fact that we need to be a bit more daring, I guess, with our tournaments and try these kind of things?

ANDREW JOHNSTON: Yeah, definitely. I think we should be open to it and give it a go. Like the Sixes and stuff like that, I think it's a brilliant idea, add something different. When you come into the tournament, it's something different. When you know you're going to get off to a good start in two rounds and you can play quite differently, obviously when you make it through, then it's match play, knockout, six holes and it's quick. Four-man, I think that interests people.

Q. And you mentioned DJs before, you love your bands. Do you know many Aussie bands or love any Aussie songs?

ANDREW JOHNSTON: No, I'm not too hot on it at the moment.

Q. Just say Cold Chisel if anyone asks.

ANDREW JOHNSTON: Cold Chisel.

Q. Yeah, Jimmy Barnes, you'll love it.

ANDREW JOHNSTON: I'll have a listen. Cold Chisel, I love Cold Chisel, big fan. I've seen him three or four times.

Q. Is there something you do know about his neighbors (inaudible.)

ANDREW JOHNSTON: That was my sister's fault, yeah, I blame her. I remember when she used to come home from school when I knew that was going on at 5:00. So yeah, I used to sit there and I guess watch it with her. So yeah, I remember that.

Q. Do you think you play better when (inaudible), does it affect your game when there's a bit of rowdiness in the crowd?

ANDREW JOHNSTON: No, it's good. You want to stand up and hit a good shot and make birdies and stuff and get the crowd going, it's good fun. I think most of the guys relish it and enjoy it. You see over in Phoenix and stuff like that, all the guys love it. I think, yeah, the more holes we have like that, the more fun it is, and we get a good buzz out of it, too.

Q. Any ideas on a Gold Coast celebration?

ANDREW JOHNSTON: It just happened naturally.

Q. Can you request a song from the DJ as you walk up 16, is that what's happening? Can you get a top-3 maybe, Beef, off the top of your head you might ask the DJ to play?

ANDREW JOHNSTON: Oh, wow, that's a tough one. Maybe Action Bronson if they've got one with no swear words. Maybe Action Bronson, something like that.

Q. (No microphone.)

ANDREW JOHNSTON: You'll find that. If they let me play it, you'll find that.

Q. Beef, the last couple tournaments, where do you think your game's at? You've played some good rounds and you've said that you feel like you're playing pretty well. Where do you think the really run of good scores will come?

ANDREW JOHNSTON: It's been strange. I changed coach just before British Masters, so putting new things into play. Coming straight into tournament, I've had days where I hit the ball really well and play well, and other days where it's been sort of a bit average, to be honest.

I'm not putting any pressure on myself, just going to go out and play and enjoy it. I think then it gives me time off in the winter to put things I'm trying to work on into more practice, gives me a bit more time and come out in the new year. So I put no pressure on myself, and hopefully I get a good feeling this week on the range and then go with that.

Q. Are you changing anything at the moment? Is it a work in progress already?

ANDREW JOHNSTON: Yeah, yeah, it's a work in progress since the British Masters.

Q. What are you working on?

ANDREW JOHNSTON: Just working a bit, working a bit on my takeaway and getting the club in a better position on the way back.

Q. Are you someone who in your career you've enjoyed sort of the fine tuning, or do you like to sort of play and get a feel for your swing and manage your own kind of swing in that way?

ANDREW JOHNSTON: I'm such a feel player. Making changes, it's almost I need to go for a period where I feel the changes and kind of put it into my own feelings and stuff, and that's the adjustment I'm having at the moment. It's almost like okay, practice, practice this, practice that and then go out. I like that bit what you've said, and I like that, I'm going to take that and keep that. Sort of like pick bits out and put it into my own feelings so I'm comfortable. I feel like I play better when I'm comfortable.

Q. Do you think you'll stand on the first tee tomorrow and feel comfortable in your swing?

ANDREW JOHNSTON: Yeah. Again, like from Hong Kong last week to this week, I've just tweaked a couple adjustments and it has felt better. It felt better this morning in the pro-am, and I played a few holes on Monday as well which it felt better. Yeah, if I can do that and I

can get a good range session in the morning, get a good feeling and go with it.

Q. 6:00 start tomorrow, you'll be on the range what time?

ANDREW JOHNSTON: 5:00, yeah, 55 maybe. About an hour before.

Q. Is that not a concern for you? Like what's your routine like early in the morning? Do you have breakfast or do you --

ANDREW JOHNSTON: The alarm goes off and I snooze. I don't know, it can't be, the alarm can't go off already. I'll have a bit of breakfast and go and warm up and go. I've never had a problem. I think I teed off last year's Open at 6:30, it was fine, so only half an hour difference.

Q. Thoughts of Royal Pines as a golf course? Do you think there's birdies out there, or is it going to be a tough challenge this week?

ANDREW JOHNSTON: Depends on the wind really. It was windy this morning, played tricky. There's definitely birdies out there. You can birdie par 5s, there's a few wedges in. I think you've got to drive the ball well and the greens are quite grainy as well. I was interested in putting on them today. You get some real quick putts and some really slow putts. I think you've got to be on the ball with the speed.

Q. (No microphone.) pretty big names over in England. Is that just a fitness thing or is that helping your game out?

ANDREW JOHNSTON: Yeah, it's more of just a fitness thing. I've got an opportunity to go train with Dillian Whyte. Yeah, I was like, I'll come up if I can train. He was like, yeah, come train. We did two sessions that day and I nearly fell asleep on the way home in the car. But he's -- they've been great. I still keep in touch with him. I know he's got a fight come up in a few weeks. So yeah, keep chatting and stuff. I see he's training and that. I just love it, I love the boxing, I love what they do. They're crazy.

Q. Were you a boxing fan before that?

ANDREW JOHNSTON: Yeah, I've always been a boxing fan, and when I started, I really started appreciating what they do. It's insane. Anyone in combat sports and stuff, crazy.

Q. Likewise, is he a golfer himself?

ANDREW JOHNSTON: No. I've been trying to get him to Top Golf, we keep mentioning it. We were supposed to go after his last fight, but he was busy and that. We just get caught up too much. Hopefully we'll get him at Top Golf.

Q. There's a big fight up here in Queensland on Friday night between Jeff Horn and

Anthony Mundine. Is that something that might be interesting to go check out?

ANDREW JOHNSTON: That would be interesting to go check out, definitely, yeah.

Q. There will be 30,000 people there.

ANDREW JOHNSTON: Oh, wow.

Q. If you can get in early on Friday afternoon --

ANDREW JOHNSTON: That might work, yeah. You guys sort me out.

Q. Just on your golf swing, you talked about your takeaway change. That was sort of one of the unique parts of your golf swing that was very individual to you. Is it to get it more orthodox, is it to just get it in a better spot? Is there worry that you're going away from what's got you to the point you're at?

ANDREW JOHNSTON: Not really. It's just to get in a better position. I don't want to change -- I'm not going to change my -- it's not going to change completely and that, it will be slight adjustments. As I say, when I go and see the new coach I've been working with and I've gone away and I've tried a few things and stuff like that, yeah, it's getting into a place where I'm comfortable with and that he's comfortable and working a balance. Yeah, I guess communicating and finding what's good. I felt like I've swung the club quite well the last couple years and I just need maybe just another fine adjustment to get back to where I'm really happy, and I don't think it's too far away.

Q. Who is the new coach, and is a little bit of the change driven by your changing body, your weight loss, you change how you need to swing the golf club?

ANDREW JOHNSTON: No, not at all. Change just comes naturally in a way. New coach is Hugh Marr. He works with (inaudible) as you know and Lucas as well, so yeah.