

GRAYSON MURRAY AWARD
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JOSH TEATER

Q. Josh, you're the first recipient of the Grayson Murray Be Kind to One Another Award. Can you just tell us the moment that you received it, just kind of what you were thinking and how much this means to you?

JOSH TEATER: Yeah, total surprise. I mean, I knew that they had started the award and nominated somebody, I just wasn't expecting it here today after play on Friday to be given to anyone, especially myself. But to get it, it's very humbling and very glad to get it and know that somehow I've impacted some people around.

Q. What does it mean to know that your peers, the caddies out here, that they view you as someone who kind of brings positivity to this tour?

JOSH TEATER: Yeah, I guess I've been around so long, I've met so many of 'em, so maybe that's part of it. I think like I said up there, like I just want to try to treat people the way that I would like to be treated and hopefully more times than not I can do that and I just shine the light that I believe Jesus Christ shines at me. That's kind of where it comes from.

Q. Who would you say in your life maybe instilled in you that it's important to be positive and be kind to one another?

JOSH TEATER: Yeah, my parents, number one. Just as I was brought up, we always respected everybody we were around, coaches I played for through the years, all figures that were older than me and just the way I think everyone's meant to be treated. Playing this game as long as I have, if you're negative and down, it's not going to be very fun. I'd say that's the second or third reason to be positive. Yeah, there's no reason to beat yourself up or anyone else up, just enjoy each day you get.

Q. As I understand it, you had a personal connection to Grayson. Can you just talk about your relationship with him and what you saw in Grayson?

JOSH TEATER: Yeah, I wouldn't say we were great friends, but when we played together it was always very nice being in the group with him. I think we kind of swapped tours here and there. I don't know how many years we actually played the same tour, but I go back to 2013 at Merion and the U.S. Open and my caddie at the time, Mike Hicks, introduced me to him. He knew him through his son, they played junior golf together. I think Grayson was maybe just going into college at that time. Got to meet him there and kind of kept in touch when he would play some Korn Ferrys and also on Tour.

Then my last memory was we played some practice rounds in Palm Springs last January before he went over and took the title at the Sony Open. We had a great time that day and it was awesome to see him do that. Yeah, that's kind of my connection.

Q. I think his parents mentioned that you two might have played a practice round together in 2010 when he kind of made his first start in Raleigh. Does that ring a bell for you?

JOSH TEATER: Well, 2010 I was on PGA TOUR, so maybe 2009, that was my first year in Raleigh. Yeah, potentially. I mean, that's a long time ago and maybe I've forgotten that. I'm sure if we did we had a great time.

Q. Is there a story that you can recall of someone out here being particularly kind to you that you kind of carried with you for a long time?

JOSH TEATER: Yeah, I think I can look back on my first couple years on the PGA TOUR Kenny Perry being like a mentor, showing me the ropes a little bit I would say.

Then even like a few years after that Steve Stricker kind of took me under his wing, let me kind of play practice rounds, kind of coached me on the greens a little bit, had a dinner or two. Yeah, people like that.

Mark Wilson's a super guy that's done the same I would say and there's many more that I could keep listing.

Q. And if you're comfortable with me asking, I think you've recently gone through your own kind of struggles with mental health. Is that something that you're trying to be open with and talking about or is that something you're still kind of working on?

JOSH TEATER: Yeah, I don't think -- I mean, I had a poor season last year for sure, but I don't think like it was affecting my day-to-day life at home or anything of that nature. It is important, you've got to talk to somebody about it. Even out there on the course today I was getting upset and I just kind of let it out to my caddie. I said it's better for me to talk to you about this right here and get it off my chest than hold it in. Can't imagine playing multiple tournaments in a row or season and just kind of laying it on yourself, like think you're going to be in a spot, it's going to be hard to recover.

Yeah, I mean, I tried to just kind of forget last year and take a little break this winter. Was fortunate to start the year the way I did with a couple sponsor exemptions and then the win in Panama. So in a great position this year to keep trying to get better and have my best season yet.