

Gloucester man completes solo row across the Atlantic Ocean

Anthony Edwards single-handedly rowed 3,000 miles for seven weeks!

A Gloucester has shown dogged determination by completing a solo-row across the Atlantic to raise money for animal welfare charity The Dogs' Trust.

Anthony Edwards took social distancing to the next level, spending Christmas and New Year on his own at sea to single-handedly row 3,000 miles across the Atlantic for seven weeks as part of the Talisker Whisky Atlantic Challenge.

Anthony set off from San Sebastian, in the Canary Islands, on December 12, 2020, and arrived at English Harbour in Antigua last Saturday (January 30).

He was the first solo rower in the challenge to reach dry land and so far has raised £4,000 for Dogs Trust, with the money still rolling in.

Anthony said: "It was really tough, but I am so glad I did it! I saw some amazing sunrises and sunsets, even sharks and dolphins.

"But it was the biggest challenge of my life and at times, the conditions were difficult - I even had to spend 12 hours fixing two holes after a Marlin struck the boat with its speared snout - so I was really pleased when I reached dry land. "I was able to make calls from the boat



to my friends and family back home who kept me updated on my progress and fundraising totals so that kept me going.

"I have always been dog-mad so I thought an extraordinary challenge like this would be a great way to raise as much money as I could for the charity which does amazing work in caring for dogs who don't yet have a home.

"To hear that I have raised £4,000 is incredible."

Members of the charity were quite clearly overwhelmed by the incredible feat by Anthony.

Russell Benson, Community Fundraising Team Manager for Dogs Trust, said:

"We have never had anyone do anything like this for us before, and we think Anthony is amazing!"

"We want to say a massive well done and thank you for everything he has achieved."



Emma Raducanu: US Open champion 'outstanding', says the Queen



Raducanu is the youngest Grand Slam champion since Maria Sharapova in 2004

Britains Emma Raducanu wins US Open

The Queen led the congratulations to Emma Raducanu after the 18-year-old clinched the US Open title with a stunning victory in New York.

Raducanu beat fellow teenager Leylah Fernandez 6-4 6-3 to end Britain's 44-year wait for a women's Grand Slam singles champion.

"I send my congratulations to you on your success," the Queen said.

"It is a remarkable achievement at such a young age, and is testament to your hard work and dedication."

In a statement, the monarch added: "I have no doubt your outstanding performance, and that of your opponent Leylah Fernandez, will inspire the next generation of tennis players."

UK Prime Minister Boris Johnson tweeted: "What a sensational match! Huge congratulations to Emma Raducanu."

"You showed extraordinary skill, poise and guts and we are all hugely proud of you."

It was a historic night for British sport's newest star which led pundits to predict big things and seemingly brought the UK to a standstill...

Virginia Wade, who was present at Arthur Ashe Stadium to witness Raducanu's win, was the last British woman to win a Grand Slam singles title - at Wimbledon in 1977.

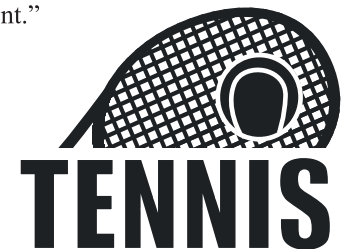
In an unprecedented run Raducanu became the first qualifier to win a major

and has done so without dropping a set.

"A star is born," tennis legend Martina Navratilova said. "Emma Raducanu makes history and she is just getting started."

Former British number one Greg Rusedski, speaking to Amazon Prime, added: "She is going to be a multi-Grand Slam winner, a world number one."

"She is the real deal and it is a breath of fresh air having an 18-year-old win the event."



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Richard Bacon! So speculation on it being one of TV's best loved TV personalities, as in Nick Knowles, was way off! Congratulations Richard.



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Welcome Sienna Elizabeth

Princess Beatrice and her husband Edoardo Mapelli Mozzi have welcomed a baby girl, who was born on 18th September.

The Queen's granddaughter gave birth to her first child, weighing 6lb 2oz, at the Chelsea and Westminster Hospital.

Buckingham Palace said the princess and her daughter were "doing well" and the baby's grandparents and great-grandparents were "delighted".

The baby girl will be 11th in line to the throne and is the Queen's 12th great-grandchild.

In a post on Twitter, the princess said she was "so delighted to share the news of the safe arrival of our daughter", thanking the midwife team and everyone at the hospital "for their wonderful care".

Beatrice is the elder daughter of the Duke and Duchess of York. She married property tycoon Mr Mapelli Mozzi in a private ceremony in July 2020.

