

THE PANAMA CHAMPIONSHIP

ROUND 1 QUOTES

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JOHNNY KEEFER. (-7 through 17 holes)

Q. Johnny, a very pleasant afternoon, seven birdies, no bogeys. You had it going today.

JOHNNY KEEFER: I did, yeah. It was a nice hot day in all aspects with the putter and then the temperature as well. It was nice to get off to a good start.

Q. What made a difference for you today?

JOHNNY KEEFER: I think me and my caddie kind of talked about it pre-round, just running into birdies if I hit a good shot and hopefully make a putt.

But other than that it's hard to try to make anything happen out here, it's a tough golf course, it's a great test and the winds got up a little bit today. So I capitalized on a lot of good opportunities and I got up and down when I missed the green.

Q. You had a really nice stretch late in your round, four birdies in five holes. Tell me about that stretch.

JOHNNY KEEFER: Yeah, no, it's kind of the same thing, we just kept on running into good opportunities. I hit a nice wedge shot on No. 11, made a really nice putt. No. 12, kind of the same way, I had three feet for birdie.

Then had two 15-footers on 13 and 14 and kind of knew that those were going in halfway there, which was nice.

Q. Nobody else was able to get lower than 4 under, so it's pretty nice.

JOHNNY KEEFER: Yeah, it's nice. Hopefully we can keep the week going like that. Again, it's a tough course, there's going to be a round or two or a few holes that really stump me, but I'm prepared for that. Me and my caddie have planned for that and we're going to try to capitalize on all the opportunities that we have.

Q. You're coming from an amazing season on PGA TOUR Americas, winning the Fortinet Cup, setting a lot of records on tour with a great scoring average. Adjusting to life on the Korn Ferry Tour, tell me about that.

JOHNNY KEEFER: Yeah, it's been a little different. I've never been in South America



before. This swing is going to be real important for me to kind of get off on the right foot. Bahamas were a little bit of a struggle. Me and my caddie were still trying to find our groove, and I was still trying to find my groove on the Korn Ferry. Going back to that experience I had on the America's tour was super valuable to me and I can always lean back on that and know that I can compete out here as well as with the PGA.

