

VERITEX BANK CHAMPIONSHIP

ROUND 4 QUICK QUOTES

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JOHNNY KEEFER (-30)



Q. Heck of a final round, bogey free, just walk me through what the day was like as whole and playing the round that you did.

JOHNNY KEEFER: Yeah, I think me and Joe did a really good job of staying real patient all day. Didn't get off to a bad start, birdie on the first hole, which was nice. We just kept on trying to hit greens and fairways and give myself as many chances as possible. We've done this a decent amount of times, been in the final group a decent amount of times in my professional career already. I kind of know what to expect now and it's nice to know how to win again. Yeah, it was a long day but it was a good day.

Q. How often were you checking the boards throughout the day?

JOHNNY KEEFER: Honestly, not that often. I tried imagining at the end of the day I knew that somewhere around 30 was going to end up being where someone was at, whether it was me or whether it was someone from behind shooting a low score. I knew I had to keep the pedal down regardless of whether I was in the lead, behind. Just try to play my own game.

Q. And you've been in the final group a couple times this year. What did you learn from those experiences that you brought into today?

JOHNNY KEEFER: Yeah, no, I knew the expectations, I knew volunteers and spectators were going to be all around. I think when it came to just playing my own game, it's no different from any other final round. I understood that being close to the lead was a privilege and it was great. Having a few more spotters than usual, which is great. No, we've had plenty of practice already, so (inaudible).

Q. (Wind interference) not really sure if you were going to finish in the top 25 in the university (inaudible) needed going into that week and how big that could potentially be for you?

JOHNNY KEEFER: Yeah, it's honestly the same mentality that I've carried through professional golf, just try and have some fun. I understood every shot mattered, but just like any professional golf tournament, every shot does matter. Try not to put myself or give myself too much pressure pre-round, pre-tournament. I really didn't look at the standings of PGA TOUR U that much. I think going into Big 12 Championship I was in like 30s, mid 30s and I had a nice finish that year to get into that 25 spot. So I was really excited to have a job

after NCAAs. And yeah, no, I've kind of carried that excitement throughout professional golf so far.

Q. Have you thought back on that at all, just how crazy that if you were 26th that this whole thing turns out completely different?

JOHNNY KEEFER: Yeah, I talk about it all the time. I like to say I would have just gone to Q-School and just qualified, but we don't really know. I've been really blessed and really grateful for the support that everyone's given me. One shot could have changed a lot of different things in my life, so I'm really glad that (inaudible), but just trying to take advantage of all those opportunities that I was given.

Q. At what point in your life did you think that you wanted to play professional golf?

JOHNNY KEEFER: I'd say when I moved to Texas. I was playing lacrosse pretty steadily. I wanted to go to college for lacrosse, I wanted to go play professional lacrosse, but when we moved to Texas I kind of made a transition. I made a few friends and I started playing some solid golf. I was like, this could actually be another route. Went down that route and I'm pretty happy with my decision.

Q. And how cool is it to do this, get this win in front of family and friends? You have a big group here.

JOHNNY KEEFER: Yeah, no, it's really special. I had a few travel from a long way, a few traveled from pretty close. Being in Texas it feels even better. Just super special that they could be here and it was a really special week for me.

Q. Is this going to change goals, outlook for the season? I'm not sure what you've set kind of coming into the year.

JOHNNY KEEFER: No, doesn't change the goals. I just get closer to the goals, trying to obviously finish in the No. 1 spot just like any of these other guys out here. Just continue to truck along and hopefully we can rack up two more pretty soon and just go ahead and get out of here. Yeah, just super excited with where my game's at.