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ROUND 3 QUICK QUOTES

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JOHNNY KEEFER (-24)



Q. Johnny, 10 under today, a couple eagles out there, back nine 29. Just take us through, what were the highlights for you today?

JOHNNY KEEFER: Yeah, I putted it great. Obviously making that eagle on 15 was pretty cool, yeah. And I was rolling the rock really well today, seeing a bunch of putts go in, continuing to give myself opportunities. Yeah, just seeing a lot of them go in.

Q. Can you take us through the eagle on 15?

JOHNNY KEEFER: Yeah, I honestly thought that I hit it short of the green, but I swung pretty hard and caught it a little spinny but I think it worked out nicely, it ended up like 25 feet and pin high. Walked up there, saw the ball, was like, all right. Yeah, halfway there I was like, yeah, that's right on the line, continued to track in.

Q. Going to be a familiar spot for you tomorrow being in contention. You've had a 54-hole lead twice this year, it's gone both ways from you. What have you learned from those past experiences carrying the lead to the final round?

JOHNNY KEEFER: Yeah, I think it's really easy to take advantage of, you know, just being in the lead and being in contention so I'm definitely not going to take that for granted. I'm going to understand that some things tomorrow are not going to go my way, and I understand that. You know, some things might go my way. I'm going to go in with a fresh mindset of it's just another day just playing golf, which is great. It's another opportunity to get better. Yeah, see how I stack up against these guys.

Q. Carrying a four-stroke lead, does that matter much to you if it's four strokes or one stroke going into the final day and how you prepare?

JOHNNY KEEFER: Yeah, not really. I mean, obviously our goal at the end of the day is to always shoot the lowest number that we can. I'm going to see kind of how I'm feeling tomorrow and yeah, just try and shoot the best number possible. If it happens to get it done, great. If not, then oh, well, I know I've got a lot of positives going away from this week.

Q. You've already won once this year. What would a second win mean for you?

JOHNNY KEEFER: Yeah, it just inches me that much closer to a card. I'm obviously very motivated watching Austin play some great golf and watching Neal play some great golf.

Just make sure that I kind of follow and try and one up 'em at times, and they're going to try and one up me, which is great. It's just driving each other, it's great. Kind of inching closer to that Tour card is all the more possible.

Q. Will you use kind of other players like seeing those guys get those second wins to motivate you? What's your process?

JOHNNY KEEFER: Yeah, I don't necessarily base my performances based off of them. Obviously if I was going to base myself off of anyone, I'd love to base myself off of the best in the world, which right now is Scottie Scheffler. You know, they're incredible players but comparing each other is a little bit difficult, especially week to week. I mean, it's a new game every single week.

Yeah, I think I just try and take myself and compare to myself and kind of see if I've done all that I can that week, and if I have, then great, I can leave that week satisfied.

Q. Going back to your round today, take us through the last hole a little bit, being able to scramble and make par there after hitting the trees off the tee.

JOHNNY KEEFER: Yeah, I caught a hold of that one but it was a little too far left. Yeah, I mean, just like all week I've been committing to my shots. That one didn't turn out the best off the tee, but I did a good job of still giving myself an opportunity. Yeah, I mean, just continue to do that tomorrow.

Q. Played with another Baylor Bear today, how was it playing with Cooper?

JOHNNY KEEFER: Yeah, it was great to play with Cooper. First actual round playing together in a tournament as professionals. Yeah, it was great. I mean, I love Luke, too. His caddie, he was my roommate for five years, so it was a nice little Baylor reunion.