

Travelers Championship

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TPC River Highlands

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Zac Blair

Quick Quotes

Q. Great round out there today. I mean, what, five, six back now. Were you thinking of getting in contention or just thinking as many points as you can get today? What was the thought process?

ZAC BLAIR: There was kind of a time where I was way back and then kind of got it going on the back nine, so I was just trying to play good and they kept kind of going in. Got a little bit closer.

But it's just nice to have a good week.

Q. 20-under wins this tournament a lot of times. You going to look back at this and say you just ran out of holes or Keegan was just too good?

ZAC BLAIR: Yeah, he's obviously playing great. There is a bunch of guys at 18-, 19-under.

You know, conditions were pretty good. Obviously it rained yesterday and got a little softer. I think made the course a little more receptive.

But it's just how it goes. Some weeks they take it deeper than they did the last year. Any time you get to 20-under, at least for me, that's really good.

Q. Can you talk a little bit your journey with the major medical and getting here?

ZAC BLAIR: Yeah, out for a couple years with a shoulder injury. Torn labrum in my right shoulder. Yeah, took about two years after basically, and had like 24 starts, so it was basically what I thought was almost close to a full year.

Started at Safeway and have had a couple good weeks, but I think I got eight starts left, maybe seven, so just need to keep doing that.

Q. Are you a numbers cruncher? Do you crunch the numbers after tonight?

ZAC BLAIR: I'm hoping I take second place and that takes



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care of a lot of it. (Laughter.)

It's like there are too many events left. I think I only have eight and that has to get me through the fall. I don't even know how many events there are in the fall. I don't know if they know how many events there are in the fall.

There is no use really crunching the numbers.

Q. What are you playing coming up?

ZAC BLAIR: Play next week in John Deere and figure it out after that.

Q. Where are you physically? Do you think you're you all the way back? This has to do a lot for your confidence.

ZAC BLAIR: Yeah, my shoulder felt good all year. It's usually like a year-ish for a torn labrum and I was out for about two just to kind of start in Napa instead of starting in the middle of the season last season basically.

Shoulder feels good. Kind of every week is different, though.

Q. When you were out those two years, how much -- I know you didn't play out here -- when could you start playing golf after the surgery?

ZAC BLAIR: Like six or seven months after is when I played my first round I think. Took it pretty easy. Kind of went from playing once a week and twice a week and three times a week, and then my first major medical start on the -- like rehab start on the Korn Ferry Tour was last year in the summer.

That was the first test to see if I could play for seven days in a row basically.

Q. Got to be the most time you've spent not playing golf.

ZAC BLAIR: Yeah, not even close. Basically went from playing 18 or 36 holes every day for the last seven, eight



years to not touching a club for five, six, seven months.

It was cool though. Got to hang out with my family and
good a golf course and do a lot of other fun stuff.
Obviously cooler to shoot 62 on Sunday (laughter.)

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