

Valspar Championship

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Innisbrook Resort (Copperhead)

Keegan Bradley

Quick Quotes

Q. 64 to get things going. How would you assess your day?

KEEGAN BRADLEY: Well today was an all-around just great day. Basically zero stress the whole day. I didn't really come close to making a bogey, so that was a really fun day to be out there and playing.

Q. How do you sort of move off of that and continue to build that momentum on a golf course that usually doesn't yield stress-free days?

KEEGAN BRADLEY: Yeah, it doesn't. I know that I'm going to have some bogeys and some stress coming, but as for today, I played so good and it feels good to go around a course like this and shoot that score. This is a tough track, demands a lot, ball striking-wise and I did that today.

Q. Top-5 finish in New Orleans a week ago, how much of that is maybe a continuation here this week of you just playing quality golf?

KEEGAN BRADLEY: I've been playing some good golf for a couple months now. The putter's been a lot better. I got a great caddie, Scotty Vail, my family's here, my good luck charm, my wife Jill's here so I got a lot of good things going my way right now.

Q. What do you love most about this golf course?

KEEGAN BRADLEY: Well I think that this golf course requires a lot of good ball striking a lot of shot shaping off the tee and into the greens and there's some tough shots that sort of help out a guy that might be good at his numbers, hitting quality shots, and normally that's what I do best. So on paper this is a great spot for me.

Q. What do you credit the improved putting to of late?

KEEGAN BRADLEY: Well, been working with my coach and working with Scotty, my caddie, and just putting a lot of work in. After I won putting went into a pretty big dip and I



had to kind of work my way out of it again. So I feel like I'm on the other side of that right now. As long as I putt strokes gained around zero, that's, I'm going to be up there. So when I have a day where I'm positive or a week that I'm positive I got a good chance.

Q. Who is the coach?

KEEGAN BRADLEY: Darren May.

Q. How long of a stretch was it for where you felt you weren't getting the results you wanted because the last time, it's been awhile now and things are going in the right direction?

KEEGAN BRADLEY: Ever since the turn of the calendar I've played a lot better, been playing well, feeling very comfortable on the course, like I said, I got a great team, a great caddie, coach, and my family's here. I think that just that's COVID year was a strange year for everybody, so I'm trying to put that behind me and this is going to be a good year.

Q. Was there a low point as far as your golf?

KEEGAN BRADLEY: Not really, I mean, when you putt poorly it's, the golf isn't that much fun. But I've been putting very well since the, since Sony -- or since Phoenix and I'm in a good spot.

Q. Does it seem like 10 years since you won the PGA? What's the timeframe been like in terms of ups and downs and all that's transpired?

KEEGAN BRADLEY: Yeah, it's crazy, I can't believe it's been 10 years. I'm completely different person, I got a family now, I cherish those memories and I can't believe it's been 10 years, but it holds a special place in my heart, that's for sure.

Q. Does it seem like it was too easy almost when you look back on it? It was your first major did you even know what you were doing?

KEEGAN BRADLEY: No, I didn't, I was happy to be



playing in the tournament. Certainly that was a, something that I was using to my advantage and I had no idea I was, but at that time in my career every tournament was a major, so just because it was the PGA didn't, any PGA TOUR event felt like a major to me. So that was nice to win that one.

Q. Was it good or bad to win that early?

KEEGAN BRADLEY: It's definitely not bad. It was great. It changed my life forever.

Q. What do you make of the rangefinder thing that they're going to use at the PGA this year?

KEEGAN BRADLEY: Well I think the PGA of America, unlike other organizations that kind of run the game, they're very forward thinkers and I'm not sure it's going to affect us at all because we're going to have to get numbers and we look at over bunkers and front of the greens and stuff like that, but certainly if you hit it really far off line it's tough to get a number.

But I always feel like the PGA is ahead of organizations, like the USGA and other ones, where they're kind of more forward thinking and I like it.

Q. You called having the family here your lucky charm. Do you have a real good track record when they are here?

KEEGAN BRADLEY: Yeah, I do. They were there when I won my last tournament and now with COVID they don't travel, really, hardly ever. So any tournament we drive to, they will come, but it's just, it's so great to have them out here and be around them. I'll go back today and, doesn't matter what I shoot, I got to go be a dad and play baseball and play golf in the backyard, which I look forward to.

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