

# The Amateur Championship

## Quick Quotes

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## Sean Keeling

R&A

# THE AMATEUR

CHAMPIONSHIP

### Q. Pretty happy with that, tricky, testy day?

SEAN KEELING: I'll take it. Played quite solid. Had a good game plan and holed a few putts. So yeah, try the same tomorrow.

### Q. What was the plan?

SEAN KEELING: Keep it in the fairways. Fairways and greens as much as you can and just try and make pars and try to sneak the odd birdie.

### Q. What was the pick of your birdies today? Any one that stood out?

SEAN KEELING: I had a good one on the par 5, 4th. I drove it in the fairway bunker. Pitched it out. Hit a 9-iron to maybe 30 feet and holed the putt. That was nice to get a birdie after hitting it in the bunker.

### Q. Already shaping up to be a good season with the Irish boys?

SEAN KEELING: Yeah.

### Q. Coming in with confidence?

SEAN KEELING: Yeah, I haven't had my best the last few weeks but my game didn't feel too far away, so just try and keep that in and see how it goes.

### Q. You've got a bit of history around here. Is your cousin the director of golf here?

SEAN KEELING: My mom's cousin is the general manager, right. I'm actually a member here.

### Q. Are you an honorary member?

SEAN KEELING: Yeah.

### Q. How does that come about?

SEAN KEELING: I guess John just -- my mom's cousin, he just presented it to me.

### Q. Nice bit of family ties; so no excuses. How often would you play here?

SEAN KEELING: Not that often. A couple times a year. Maybe four -- three, four times a year. So yeah, I do know it.

### Q. A little bit of local knowledge always does help.

SEAN KEELING: Yeah.

### Q. You won the Scottish Boys' last year, as well. Is match play something that stirs your senses? Do you quite enjoy the head-to-head?

SEAN KEELING: Yeah, I do. I love it. It's a bit different to stroke play. You're just playing the man rather than playing the golf course.

### Q. Did you watch the Rory finale last night?

SEAN KEELING: Unfortunately, yeah. It was disappointing. Couldn't believe it.

### Q. For all the Irish, is he the one you'll still follow, isn't he?

SEAN KEELING: Yeah, couldn't speak afterwards. It was shocking.

### Q. But still, onwards and upwards. Doesn't matter how you get through as long as you get through?

SEAN KEELING: Exactly.

### Q. How many Amateurs have you played?

SEAN KEELING: This is my third. The first one I was 15.

### Q. So you're kind of getting used to it.

SEAN KEELING: I'm used to it now, yeah. Obviously taking it day-by-day but yeah, any time you show up at a championship, you're trying to win.

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