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TPC Sawgrass

Jordan Spieth

Quick Quotes

Q. What was going through your head in scoring as you were reflecting on that round?

JORDAN SPIETH: Yeah, it was just a bummer, both days finish with doubles. I just played better than that.

Q. What about the stuff in between?

JORDAN SPIETH: It was really good. I've been playing really well, trying to let the course come to me. Don't have to force anything. It's not quite there yet, but it's like close enough to where I can do what I did today for a while. Yeah, so just kind of stinks because to finish like that, I would have -- some days you wonder if you shot one stroke worse but you finished with a birdie if you would actually be happier. It's a weird deal, weird game.

Q. What happened on the drive on 2 and then the third shot. What happened there?

JORDAN SPIETH: Well, tried to hook it off the second tee and I just toed it a little so it hit the tree and came down. Then I just hit a 7-iron and then an 8-iron just trying to make sure I was on in three.

Q. Did you catch a tree on 18?

JORDAN SPIETH: Oh, yeah. That was a phenomenal break, yeah.

Q. Count your lucky stars that you got a break?

JORDAN SPIETH: Yeah, you want to obviously capitalize. So, yeah, it was nice. Yeah, Rickie asked if I called bank and I didn't, and it wasn't just coming back into play, it also went forward, it was a phenomenal bounce.

Q. You kept the momentum up at that point, right?

JORDAN SPIETH: Yeah, for sure. I hit a lot of really good shots in that stretch. Made a couple bad swings today, and all in all, you just hope you get away with the bad swings, which I did on that one but I didn't on the other



couple I made.

Q. When you finished 6, was there any part of you that thought, this really might be my day?

JORDAN SPIETH: When I finished No. 6?

Q. Yeah.

JORDAN SPIETH: Yeah, I mean, that was a bit of a bonus. The hole started to look big. But 7 and 8 were going to be tough holes. So I was trying to -- the goal was to play 7 and 8 normal golf; don't play weird golf like I played on 6, just normal golf on 7 and 8, fairways, greens, and then try to attack the par-5s. So, yeah, I did my job on 7 and 8 there for sure.

Q. Were you restricted on your side? I couldn't see on 18 from the trees.

JORDAN SPIETH: On 9?

Q. I'm sorry 9, yeah.

JORDAN SPIETH: Yeah, I didn't have -- when you hit it into the trees it's pine straw, so it's probably going to settle around the trees. That's just what happens. I didn't have an opportunity to advance it much on the second, and then you've got to keep it left of that pin when you're hitting the green, and I just kept it a little too far left and then it was just directly behind a tree there too.

Q. 5-wood or 3?

JORDAN SPIETH: It was my hybrid, my 3-iron hybrid. I was trying to kind of hit it over in the left bunker, and it just went left of that and, you know -- I mean it wasn't, they weren't good breaks by any means, but after number 18, I told myself there's no complaining about any bad breaks anymore.

Q. Overall what's clicked in these last couple starts?

JORDAN SPIETH: Everything. I'm doing everything well. The stats aren't necessarily showing exactly how solid things are. I feel like I've hit a lot of especially approach shots the last two weeks where I'm posing, saying, man, I



did my job, and then I'm just shocked at where they end up, short or long or whatever. I think that's pretty normal for last week and this week.

But it's been better than my scoring. I teed a drive on 18 yesterday and then on one of the easiest holes I made a 7 today, and it's just a bit of a bummer to finish that way, right. They don't tell the story of how I'm really playing; they were just two swings that I just needed to miss on the other side.

Q. The mental game, how nice is it to not have to think about pain or injury to have that positive all season and come out and know that that's not going to be a factor?

JORDAN SPIETH: My wrist, it's awesome. I don't think much about it. There's days where I wake up and it's tighter and I've got to get it loosened up because one of the key factors to my ball control is using my wrists more. I used to use it a lot more and then I got away from it when I was hurt.

So it is really nice. It was nice to work structure in the off-season and not worry about rehab or anything like that. So I've mentioned this the last two weeks, the last two or three tournaments, just feels like things are getting better and better each week.

This place has gotten the best of me in the past, and I let it get the best of me a couple times this week already. That cost me probably four shots, so hopefully it's not too much to make up.

But things are really good, and I need to have even more kind of patience here than I do other places, and it's just 13 times in a row I continue to just -- something gets me here, and I just don't quite have the patience for it.

So this weekend with the greens softer, I kind of thought about that once I made it on 17. I thought, this is just attack mode now. We're not worried about the cut line, we're chasing the leaders. Sepp was running off in front of me. So it was just fire at sticks. I think that's going to be the mantra this weekend.

Q. Later today will you be able to think mostly about the good stuff and sort of set the finish?

JORDAN SPIETH: Never. Have you ever played golf?

Q. Every time.

JORDAN SPIETH: Yeah, it's a the same way. It's the same thing you would do.

Q. Beat yourself up a little bit?

JORDAN SPIETH: I mean, I didn't feel like I did too much wrong, so in that sense it wasn't like I made any decision errors. It was execution. I can swallow that a lot easier.

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