Valspar Championship

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Palm Harbor, Florida, USA

Innisbrook Resort (Copperhead)

Shane Lowry

Quick Quotes

Q. (Question about conditions.)

SHANE LOWRY: I just got it going. I got some nice numbers and then hit some good shots, and when I hit good shots I converted the putts. I played that nine holes pretty flawlessly, didn't really miss many shots. When I did, I played the 18th pretty average and got it up-and-down for par. So yeah, unfortunately, I wasn't as good on the other nine, but I think 4-under on a day like today, if you had given me that in the locker room this morning I would have taken it.

Q. Guessing the conditions were tricky, the cold and wind?

SHANE LOWRY: Yeah, a lot trickier than what they might look on TV or people at home watching. I think you can't necessarily feel the wind a lot around here as well, so you have to just, there's a lot of trust involved. It was gusting as well. And it was cold. So there's a lot of factors you have to take in with a lot of your shots.

Q. When did you change your driver?

SHANE LOWRY: No, I just been -- my driver that I've been using for a couple of months, I think something happened to it. And I got one the Tuesday at Bay Hill. I struggled at Bay Hill because I just wasn't overly happy with -- it's an uncomfortable golf course with driver, even if you're driving the ball really well. So I had a new one in play, and just some of the tee shots are quite tough. So, no, but the last two weeks have been well, I drove it very well last week at THE PLAYERS and drove it well yesterday and today as well.

Q. Is there a key shot off the tee that's important for this course?

SHANE LOWRY: Just a straight one (laughing). I think if you hit 10, 12 fairways around here you've got a chance of a great score and a chance to win the tournament. So, yeah.



Q. Seems like the scoring here, obviously you get close to double digits, that's really good. What is it about this place that makes it tough?

SHANE LOWRY: Small, firm greens. I know it's a course that had been quite wet the last few days, but with this wind it's kind of whipping up especially with the cold this morning those get firmer. And it's just tricky, it's just, it's hard to hit a load of fairways, it's hard to hit loads of greens, and you just need to be on your game. Yeah, it is one of the -- I think it's one of the underrated golf courses that we play all year, I think it's a great track.

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