

# Valspar Championship

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Innisbrook Resort (Copperhead)

## Jordan Spieth

### Quick Quotes

**Q. Got off to a hot start again for the second day. How would you describe that round? It was up-and-down I guess for the day.**

JORDAN SPIETH: Yeah, I definitely hit it better yesterday and putted better today. So just try to put 'em both together on the weekend.

**Q. Is it sort of inevitable around here there's going to be some trouble, it seems like everybody's having a hard time getting through clean.**

JORDAN SPIETH: I think it's a great golf course. If you're a yard off some times the green depth is normally so, you know, it's so narrow, so small that if you're not in the fairway it's really hard to get the right distances. Then when you are in the fairway right now you got the wind the last two days. I'm not sure what it will do later today. But it makes distance control pretty challenging. When I was playing from the fairway for the most part I hit some really nice shots and then when I got off a little off the tee today it was a little bit harder. It's a great golf course, and it's firming up, which is going to make these fairways even narrower and put more premium on hitting 'em.

**Q. What's the biggest challenge of 16, the tee shot?**

JORDAN SPIETH: I think the last couple days the biggest challenge is it's blowing pretty hard off left and you can't feel any of it, it's all blocked on the tee. So for us we like to feel what it is and when you don't feel anything and you're essentially playing a shot to miss almost into the people if there was no wind it's just the trust factor on that. Yeah, then you got to pick a club and pick a shot and you can't be second guessing either one of 'em. So you have to hit a really nice ball off that tee. If you do, it is a birdie hole. You can hit a short iron into that green and it's been downwind on the second shot. This morning it was in off the left on the tee making it even more challenging than yesterday. But I think the weekend it's only going to be more downwind so you could hit less club if you want. I think this afternoon it shifts to where it's more downwind. So you might see some 5-woods and stuff like that, which



makes it obviously a little more manageable. So, yeah, it's one of the harder shots that we have throughout the year, but at the same time when you do hit the fairway it's not like some of the hardest holes where that next shot is just as challenging. I mean, you can be in attack mode on the next shot once you hit a nice tee ball.

**Q. Have you ever stayed in a cabin at Augusta?**

JORDAN SPIETH: Many times.

**Q. Have you, okay. I take it that's a pretty cool experience. Like one of the nicer perks.**

JORDAN SPIETH: Yeah, almost every time I've done it it's been with a group of members, so it's not like it was a perk. I don't know if I'm actually just allowed to do it on my own.

**Q. I don't know, as a Masters champion, maybe. I don't know.**

JORDAN SPIETH: I know I can play it whenever and I can bring non-playing guests but I don't know if I'm allowed to stay there and I haven't really -- any time I've gone solo I've gone in and out on the same day and the other time I stayed there it's always been in a group of at least two groups. But, yeah, it's spectacular. It's a great experience. You have a lot of great golf courses that are fun places to take groups now. That one is very different from some of the newer ones, where it's more casual and lit up greens and all that. Obviously it's a little more buttoned up there. But when you go wherever you go for dinner and on there's obviously history everywhere, that there are only a few places in the world have.

**Q. Have you done the full experience stay over night, eat dinner, play 36 maybe?**

JORDAN SPIETH: Yeah, probably maybe 15 times. Yeah.

**Q. Which is your favorite cabin?**

JORDAN SPIETH: I'm sorry?



**Q. Which is your favorite cabin?**

JORDAN SPIETH: I don't even know all their names. Yeah, the first time I played it we stayed on the one that was closest to the 10th tee box, which was pretty cool. Just because we popped out on 10 and played the back nine when we didn't think we were going to play any.

**Q. Is that the Eisenhower?**

JORDAN SPIETH: I don't know.

**Q. It might be. It's a really big one.**

JORDAN SPIETH: I stayed in Butler, which is really cool. Stayed overnight. Then the new ones that the sponsors have, like AT&T has down at the bottom, down left of number 10 fairway, those are spectacular. Then they have those brand new ones on the par-3, I haven't stayed in yet but everyone talks highly of those.

**Q. Can I ask you, I know you focus on the weekend as you said. But you are playing the next two home state events?**

JORDAN SPIETH: I'm not playing next week, no.

**Q. Valero?**

JORDAN SPIETH: Maybe. Probably. I'm not sure yesterday.

**Q. What's been the most encouraging sign in your game this week, last week?**

JORDAN SPIETH: I think in general it's all encompassing. I don't think the stats show, I feel like the way I'm playing is I'm driving it, I think I'm driving it in the top 20, I think I'm striking it in the top 20, I think my short game's in the top 20, I think my putting's in the top 20. I've made some bad decisions or hit some wrong tee shots at the wrong time or missed contact that have cost me from having a chance to win three or four times and finishing where I finish. So it's a good place to be. Those are normally easier things to solve, they're just more reps and I'm in a confident place. So I'm extremely frustrated when I don't get the most out of my round because I'm playing better than I'm scoring on a week like this week. That's the frustrating part. But I would much rather be on that side of it than anywhere else.

**Q. Are you making mental miscues more than?**

JORDAN SPIETH: Yeah or just a contact mishap, which is an execution error, but it's like ran do. Like if I toed one on this hole I would be fine, but I toed it on the wrong hole or I

necked it on the wrong hole. Just like random little stuff. I had three plugged lies in bunkers today off pretty good iron shots that if I was playing a different wind -- just random stuff. Then I made a couple really bad decisions which probably cost me three two or three shots. That's unacceptable. I'll fix that this weekend. That's not hard to fix. But that's what this golf course does. You think you can go get something back because you're on a par-5 or you think you can get something back because you got 145 yards in, but it's harder here than it is most places.

**Q. When you hosted the Champions Dinner were you nervous?**

JORDAN SPIETH: Yeah, very. Yeah, because you speak. In at that room. It's like what am I going to say to these guys. And I was 22. So it was like, um, I don't even remember what I said. But, yeah, I was. Not anymore.

**Q. Have you settled in now like you kind of know where you're going to sit and who you're going to sit near?**

JORDAN SPIETH: Yeah, it's kind of funny, it's kind of like, you know, 6th, 7th grade, you know, where you, if the teacher they have assigned seats you get all bummed, and if they let you sit wherever you want you end up sitting in the same spot anyways. It's kind of the same deal. Sit with Scottie, but then when Scottie wins, you know, he's done that twice in the last three or four or so. So, you know, yeah everyone kind of -- sometimes we click and there's a certain section on the far side from where we sit where you don't sit because it's Jack and Tiger and you lets, that's where Arnie was.

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