

**PODS Championship
Innisbrook Golf Resort
Copperhead Course
Tampa Bay, Fl**

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Second-round tournament quotes

AN INTERVIEW WITH PAUL CASEY

Q. (Inaudible)?

PAUL CASEY: Really difficult. The fact I had to play with Jerry Kelly is what I'm talking about. That was a very tough golf course and extremely tough conditions. But I'm very thankful we got done, you know. It's difficult to say whether you get the good side of the draw or the bad side of the draw. But it's nice to come out here this morning and just get it done. Get it over with. I felt like I played some really solid golf. I can't remember what I was when I finished last night. I think I was a couple under, or something like that. I'm very, very happy to get in the clubhouse and watch these guys go through what I went through today.

Q. Like how nice is it, you shoot 72 out there today, it's got to feel 3 or 4-under par, now you go eat lunch and go what what?

PAUL CASEY: You don't go what what, but you hope it's the same kind of conditions that you had to play in today. I want it to be sort of even if you can. It's not always that way. But it's a tough, tough golf course.

A lot of guys said it's a great golf course and this is why I came. I wanted to add one more tournament into my schedule in the Florida swing and I picked the PODS because I heard Innisbrook was a great track and it proved that. Birdies are not easy to come by. You got to hit great golf shots, and when you combine it with the conditions that we are having right now, it's a rough test that you are ever going to see.

Q. How hard is that 16th hole when you are standing on the tee and it's blowing into you right at 30 miles an hour?

PAUL CASEY: Better blowing in from the right than in from the left

pushing you towards that water. 16 is an incredibly difficult hole. There is lots of difficult golf holes out here. I don't know what prevailing wind is here, I haven't played this golf course enough. But all I know is today's wind was extremely tough. You just can't slip up. If you lose focus for a minute, if you let a golf shot get away from you, you can really pay the penalty. That's what I did well today. When I did miss it I missed it in the correct spot. You need a little luck, and I felt like I got that.

Q. Well now you can go take a deep breath, go get yourself a little lunch and get some relaxation in, and hopefully the wind will stay up so everyone has fair conditions and we will see you out some time tomorrow?

PAUL CASEY: Thank you.

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PAUL CASEY: Night and day. Yesterday I think, you know, very scorable. Even with the rain that came through yesterday in the afternoon, which is what I played in, you can really go at the pins. You have a lot of fun out there, go for shots that you wouldn't normally go for. Today, complete opposite. I have no idea how strong that wind was. It felt like 30, 40 miles an hour. You hit more golf shots. It's incredibly difficult. There are some great players out there and they are show you can shoot under par and play some great golf.

Q. And with that 10 you have to be pretty happy?

PAUL CASEY: I'm very happy. It's been a long day out here. 6 o'clock this morning I played 27 holes in tough conditions today. So I feel very, very happy to get off the golf course and be in.

Q. Have a chance to rest, not just physically, but mentally after that test?

PAUL CASEY: It takes a lot out of you, the conditions out there. I would compare that to a mental challenge of that of a Major. You know, it's tough. You've got enough water out there. You've got enough deep rough. Innisbrook is a tough, tough golf course. You got to stay on top of it. If you slip for a moment, it's going to penalize you and you are going to pay the price. You know, it's nice, this afternoon I can get some rest, watch these guys go through what I went through today and prepare myself for the weekend.

Q. And with the Augusta on the horizon this is a good test, a good preparation for that?

PAUL CASEY: Any golf is a good preparation. Competitive golf is a good preparation. But this is not bad. The putting surfaces around here are exceptional, tricky pin locations. It looked like The TOUR didn't ease up on the pin locations even with the weather coming today. It is what it is. There is great players out there, and we have to be tested. I think the crowds out here, we got a great crowd out here watching. I think they appreciate some of the great shots that some of the guys have been hitting.

Q. You said that you had added Innisbrook to your preparation on the Florida swing, is there a particular reason why you did that?

PAUL CASEY: I didn't really, after playing LA and the Match Play, I didn't want to have two weeks off and then two weeks back on the road with Bay Hill and Doral, and have another two weeks off before Augusta. I felt that was probably too many weeks off.

You got to save your energy going into Majors, but I also feel if you want to play, you should go play. It's as simple as that.

And if you don't want to play, you should go home.

I felt good. I played some solid golf in LA. I got tough conditions there and battled through it. And played some great golf with the Match Play before getting knocked out by K.J. Choi. I felt like I just wanted to keep that going and test myself. Plus a lot of guys have said this is a great test of golf.

You know, they're right. This is a great tournament. I'm glad I turned up. Obviously, I'm happy I'm playing good golf. But aside from that, it's nice to be in Florida. I'm kind of an Arizona guy but I do enjoy my Florida golf. This is a great golf course.

Q. With that being said there is about 9 Europeans in the field here, and noticeably you are at least on this side of the pond this time of year, do you do that to prepare yourself for Augusta, or is it just a schedule thing?

PAUL CASEY: Like I said this is my first time here, the U.S. this time of year. I've always played the Johnny Walker. I got in the Match Play, gone to Timbuktu. This year it was India. In the past it's been Australia and Thailand. And it was just too far this year to do that.

Q. So August is not in the mind.

PAUL CASEY: August is on the mind because I think it takes a lot out of you when you make a trip like that. That's not to say I won't go back and play that event again because I love it. But I've got to save the body. I'm getting old now. A trip like that can take it out of you for two or three weeks. You want to be fresh. You don't want to give away any edge you've got.

Q. This is a tough course, BayHill is a tough course and that's going to help?

PAUL CASEY: It is.

Q. As opposed to being over in Malaysia somewhere?

PAUL CASEY: You go into events such as this, the next two weeks fatigued with no rest, you're going to pay the price. The field is too good. The golf course is too good. The conditions can be extremely tough as you can see. It is one of those things, it was just a little bit too far this year.

Q. What do you like in your game right now?

PAUL CASEY: You know, I could control the golf ball the past two days. I like it at times. I hit a lot of good golf shots, work the ball against the wind, with the wind. And, you know, I've got to dial in the short game. That's the key to being up there on the leaderboard in any tournament. Especially in any of the Majors. And that really covers your playing. You get that focus when you are at home practicing, you redevelop it when you are out on the golf course playing. So I'm happy with a lot of things, but that's what I need to hone in on the next couple of weeks.

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