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Transcript episode 3: From rookie to professional – a dream comes true

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Intro [00:00 – 00:15]

[00:00:15] **Sebastian Rudolph:** Welcome to a new episode of the Porsche Podcast. My name is Sebastian Rudolph and I'm vice president of Communications, Sustainability and Politics at Porsche. With this audio magazine, we share an insight into the world of Porsche and deal with some exciting issues. We have set up our podcast studio today in the Porsche Museum in Stuttgart Zuffenhausen and our view looks out over the Porsche Platz and the Porsche sculpture, which features three white 911 sports cars rising into the sky.

This episode is all about sport: it's part of our DNA and it's part of the DNA of two professional athletes, golfer Paul Casey and works driver Kévin Estre. Together we'll talk about the beginning of their careers and how rocky the road was from rookie to professional. What does it take to fulfill the dream of becoming a professional athlete? Paul and Kévin are joining us via video call – from Arizona in the US and from Höchst in Austria. Hi Kévin, hi Paul, it's good to have you on the show.

[00:01:25] **Kévin Estre:** Sebastian, thank you. Thank you.

[00:01:27] **Paul Casey:** Good to have us here.

[00:01:28] **Sebastian Rudolph:** Before we dive straight into the world of sport, let's briefly introduce our two guests.



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[00:01:40] **Clip:** Paul Casey was born in 1977 in Cheltenham, England. For about two decades, he has been one of the world's top golfers. In his debut year on the European Tour 2000, he made it into the top 25 overall rankings, earning him the Sir Henry Cotton Rookie of the Year Award. The Englishman, who lives in Scottsdale, Arizona, made it to the world number three and has won the Ryder Cup with the European team on three occasions. He has won 20 professional tournaments so far, is an ambassador for UNICEF and has been a Porsche Brand Ambassador since 2020.

Kévin Estre was born in Léon, France, in 1988, contested his first season as a Porsche works driver in 2016, and has come full circle. The Frenchman honed his craft as a racing driver in the Porsche one-make series in France and Germany. After netting two junior classification titles, he finally took home the Carrera Cup France trophy in 2011. After switching to the Carrera Cup Deutschland the following year, he immediately scored a victory and ultimately clinched the 'Rookie of the Year' honours. In 2018, Estre celebrated one of his greatest achievements so far: victory at his home race at Le Mans. At the wheel of the Porsche 911 RSR and the 911 GT3 R he repeatedly demonstrates his racing talent and has so far taken first place twice this year.

[00:03:13] **Sebastian Rudolph:** Kévin, we just heard about your victory at the 24 Hours of Le Mans, which was amazing. Please tell us how you got into motorsport?

[00:03:22] **Kévin Estre:** It's a family thing: my grandfather and father raced go-karts. They started in the late 1970s. You could say I was born on the racetrack and I started very early. I got a go-kart when I was four years old and then I did some testing, then started racing when I was 10 and then I went through the championships – in France, at a national level, and then internationally. My big dream was always Formula One when I was a kid, so I started to follow that path and went to single seaters. Two years of single seaters in France was quite successful, but not enough to move the next step, which was Formula Three. So then I had to look around and the Porsche Carrera Cup France offered the opportunity to move into GT Racing. I was quite successful and it brought me to where I am now.

[00:04:15] **Sebastian Rudolph:** You said you were born on the racetrack but how rocky was the road to becoming a professional works driver?



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[00:04:23] **Kévin Estre:** It's very difficult. It's the dream of many, many kids and young drivers to be a professional driver in Formula One or endurance racing, but it requires a lot of sacrifices, a lot of luck and some talent of course – but you need a lot of stuff around it. The family has to make sacrifices too, because like with every sport you are on the road a lot. You don't really have a social life from a very young age to the moment where you become professional. [You are] finding sponsors, enjoying good results, experiencing the ups and downs of your career – and if you hit a down part at the same moment when people are looking at you, that's bad. So it's difficult. You need a lot of luck. But also, you've got to be there, every time, never give up and try to get the result at the right time, at the right moment, in the right race. Whereas maybe later in my career, when Porsche decided, you know, they were looking at young drivers in the Carrera Cup and there I was doing well. And somehow at one point I got a call, asking “are you free for this race?” and I joined Porsche as a works driver. It's a special feeling, I'm really proud to be part of this huge company in motorsport.

[00:05:37] **Sebastian Rudolph:** Let's pass the ball to Arizona. Paul, we heard you made it to third place in the world rankings, which is awesome. How was life as a rookie and how bumpy was your road to becoming a professional?

[00:05:54] **Paul Casey:** It was, you know ... with golf I think there are similarities here with Kévin. It's rocky because it's an individual sport. This is totally up to you and, you know, luckily there's very little politics in our sport. There's no team manager or owner or someone deciding who gets to play and who doesn't, but the road is incredibly rocky. Every time I tee off on the golf course I have to try to deliver and obviously that doesn't always happen. Golf is predominantly about failures, you know. Very rarely do you succeed, very rarely do you conquer the golf course and you really never have the perfect round. So there's a lot of disappointment and a lot of setbacks in golf and the road is extremely rocky. It's littered with amazing talent – thousands of young golfers who have this dream of succeeding like any sport – but it's challenging. And so there are times, you know, like any athlete who has made it, you look back and I can think of all the sacrifices my parents made, my family made and the time I spent away from friends and missed out on cool events and parties, or whatever it was when you were kids, because you had to. Luckily that was my dream, but you spend the time at the golf course



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instead of maybe being a teenager or something like this. But I truly believe that golf is one of those sports that if you ... you know, talent is one of those things that we can all debate and you need a certain amount of skill, but I think if you work hard enough for golf and you believe and you do the right things, I really think if you have what it takes, you can make it. That, I guess, is the beautiful thing about our sport. As I said, nobody can kind of determine your fate apart from yourself.

[00:07:34] **Sebastian Rudolph:** That is a great mindset, Paul. And apart from talent, apart from sacrifices and working hard to become better every day, what key qualities are crucial to becoming a professional?

[00:07:52] **Paul Casey:** Golf is an interesting one. I mean really, it's just a lot of determination, but being able to handle the ups and downs, and especially the downs, is the key thing. So being able to internally look at yourself and sometimes listen to criticism. I think every golfer I know on tour has a coach – a teacher who will tell them what they need to continue to work on and our sport is continuous work. So having the qualities to sometimes listen to what you don't want to hear – I can't think of an exact word to describe that, but it's just this eternal quest to try to get better and realising that it's kind of ugly, sometimes. It's just not enjoyable. Sport is like any business. To be honest, it is probably tougher than most other businesses I can think of because you are out there in the limelight – you're in the public view and sometimes your disappointments and your failures are very public and can be very, very hard to take. But it's this thing that you need to have – and I have it, Kévin has it, and everybody who's a top athlete or professional at whatever sport they are playing, they have that thing. And that's the thing that young people, if they're going to get into this industry, need. I think you can learn it, but a lot of it is kind of internal wiring to a certain degree.

[00:09:10] **Sebastian Rudolph:** That's interesting. So sports rookies have their dreams and so do professionals. And fulfilling these dreams is an ambition. Kévin, what is the dream or your dream as a racing driver?

[00:09:16] **Kévin Estre:** My dream is first to drive for as long as possible and, you know, hopefully I will be still be fast for a few years and drive as long as possible in the top category.



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But ultimately for me, my main dream is winning the 24 Hours of Le Mans overall. I won in my class, in GT Pro, which was my dream at the time. But for my career I really want to win this race at least once overall, and it's very hard to achieve because you have to get in the right car, in the right year. At first, you need the opportunity, which is not easy. So far, I haven't had it. I hope I'll get it once. But if I get it then you need to be in the right car, in the right year, having the right teammates – everything has to be perfect. To win this race, you really, really need to have everything align, so that Le Mans wants you to win. It's not just on you, it depends on a lot of small details, a lot of factors and it's one of the biggest races in the world. So for me, this would be my main goal in the future and for my whole motorsport career.

[00:10:17] **Sebastian Rudolph:** And what about you, Paul?

[00:10:20] **Paul Casey:** For us [golfers], our world revolves around the four majors. So we have the Masters, the Open, the US Open and then the US PGA. But within that, selfishly for me, the most iconic and most important event for me is the Open or the British Open, depending on its name – the words are irrelevant. Being a British born player, it's the oldest championship we play for. It's the claret jug, it's the history, you know, like Le Mans is the fabric of your sport that you want to have your name alongside the greats. And so, too, there's a little bit of luck that's involved in that because the Open is always played on links courses in the UK. So there are weather factors and over the course of four days sometimes you need a little bit of luck – but I've come close. I mean, I finished third, which is the best I have finished at the Open so far. It probably doesn't suit my game as well, which is why it makes it even more enticing and even more of a dream for me. Because there are other tournaments that suit my style of play and the Open doesn't. So for me, the Open – that's the one.

[00:11:28] **Sebastian Rudolph:** We'll talk more about you personally. But first let's listen to a few facts related to Porsche.

[00:11:40] **Clip:** Porsche and sports. Sport is in Porsche's DNA – it drives the company, and makes Porsche the world's sportiest car brand. The company builds bridges from professional sport to the wider world – and to youth development in sport. For years, Porsche has supported the youth work of sports clubs with its Turbo for Talents programme and special attention is



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paid to school, sport and work balance. At the same time, the programme promotes the development of young personalities and teaches social aspects and values. These include team spirit, fairness, passion and respect.

Porsche and golf. The Porsche European Open is a golf tournament on the European Tour and was founded in 1978. The role of title sponsor has been a central and successful component of Porsche's golf commitment since 2015. The Porsche Nord Course in the Hamburg City region has been the tournament venue since 2017. Porsche is also active on the Club de Golf Alcanada course in Mallorca, which is also the venue for the Porsche Golf Club World Final. The exclusive amateur customer tournament series has existed since 1988 and is organised by Porsche.

Porsche and motorsports. The 24 hours of Le Mans is an endurance race for sports cars organised by the Automobile Club de l'Ouest near the French city of Le Mans. Porsche racing cars have been competing here since 1951. The reward for this incredible show of stamina is a raft of records, including 19 overall wins and 108 class victories. Porsche sees its longstanding commitment to motorsport, especially endurance racing, as part of its DNA.

[00:13:27] **Sebastian Rudolph:** Endurance races are part of our DNA and the 24 Hours of Le Mans is one of the greatest. Kévin, this year the 24-hour race will be held in August – what will those 24 hours be like for a Porsche works driver?

[00:13:45] **Kévin Estre:** Everybody wants to win the one with the most pressure for all the drivers. Also, for me, it will be, I guess, the only race at home in France. And it's part of the world endurance championship – the championship I'm doing, and it's double points. So it's the one you want to win for many reasons. And last year we were a bit unlucky there, but I think this year we have a good car, a strong line-up, everything's been running well so far in the championship. So we definitely have a chance. I hope we'll have a few spectators this year because this race is also about the show and the history and having the spectators very close and having sometimes up to 300,000 people during the weekend, which is crazy for a race. Yeah, just the atmosphere is something very important at Le Mans. We started our preparation a few weeks ago with three days in Spain, training extra for Le Mans because the car has some



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specification, some different setup and we need to work specifically just for that race. So yeah, looking forward to mid-August.

[00:14:48] **Sebastian Rudolph:** And we keep our fingers crossed, Kévin. I'll pass the ball to Paul: you have just successfully mastered the PGA championship, tight fourth place, congrats – great result. Kévin talked about pressure going into an event and how some pressure can prove fruitful, some maybe not. How are you dealing with ambition, pressure and success – and the bad days?

[00:15:14] **Paul Casey:** I tend not to think about this anymore. I've been professional for so long, I guess there are many tricks and tips and it's just part of what I do. But there are, you know, I still get nervous, I still think about upcoming events. I try not to treat any event differently. You know, the US PGA, which is a major compared to the Porsche European Open – which I'll be defending next week – is no different for me in terms of how I prepare mentally. Physically, there might be a couple of shots that I need to work on, the conditions will be different, the course is obviously different. But in terms of pressure and dealing with it, you know, what I want to try to accomplish during the week rarely changes. I'm always trying to find a nice sort of balance and I try not to get too excited or too nervous or maybe even too calm trying to find this happy kind of equilibrium. It's interesting because I think pressure is something you can basically train yourself to handle. Everybody's different. Everybody reacts to pressure very, very differently. It might be a physical thing that happens, a physical reaction, it might be a mental reaction. For me, most of that pressure comes before the event happens. It's this thinking about the first tee shot, it's thinking about something, you can't control. I guess that's almost stress – it is slightly different from pressure. But that's something that you learn to deal with. And then the real pressure for me and the one, I'm most excited about, is the pressure that I face coming down the stretch on the final few holes. Then can I deliver? Can I physically hit the shots that are required to make the decisions I need to make? But this is all just training. This isn't some magical thing. This is no different from anybody else in any industry, it's just that I'm hitting a golf ball. I'm able to deliver when the pressure seems to be higher rather than lower. So a major championship, a Ryder Cup or the Porsche European Open on the final couple of holes, I kind of



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need this. You know, if Kévin and I went out to play golf right now, I wouldn't be very sharp, no, sorry Kévin, you know, you need a little bit of something to come and get you going.

[00:17:21] **Kévin Estre:** You mean I would win?

[00:17:26] **Paul Casey:** Maybe! But what is interesting ... can I ask Kévin a question? Because, you know, for me coming down the stretch when I stand on the 18th tee and I need to make, let's say just the par, I need to hit the fairway, not hit it into the water or the trees and then stand up and hit it on the green ... all these thoughts go through your mind. And Kévin, is this like the final lap at Le Mans?

[00:17:50] **Kévin Estre:** I think, it's different there. That's why for me, golf is the hardest sport I've ever played. Every shot, you know, you have a long break, or you have a break before you hit the ball and you have a lot of time to think actually. And a millimetre, you know, turning your wrist or something will make a huge difference. In other sports it's not that much. And with motorsport, let's say it's the final lap, ok, but you're still driving, you're driving for one hour or two hours and you have some kind of automatism. You just have to do exactly what you've done before. And golf is never like this. You have to do this whole, you have to hit it a bit to the left, use the driver, everything is a little different. For us, I think the pressure is high before the race starts or before you jump in the car or before qualifying. But then as soon as you're in the car, you're fully focused and actually you're just doing what you know, what you've been doing for many years, which is in the end the same as golf. But I think the fact that in golf so many small details make a huge difference and you have a long time before, and a lot of time to think, I think it makes these sports.

[00:18:54] **Paul Casey:** Yeah.

[00:18:54] **Kévin Estre:** Crazy, crazy difficult. Big respect.

[00:18:57] **Paul Casey:** So Sebastian, you see we both get nervous before: it's the before, it's the thinking about the future.

[00:19:03] **Kévin Estre:** Yes, for sure. When you're doing it, it's all good.



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[00:19:07] **Sebastian Rudolph:** Did you know that there is a golf course next to the racetrack in Le Mans? Have you ever played it, Kévin?

[00:19:13] **Kévin Estre:** No, never. I know there is one. Maybe this year it could be, because we have the test on Sunday and then I guess we're not driving until Wednesday. My teammates also like to play golf so I might bring my clubs and go there. That would be nice. That's what we did actually before Spa, the first WEC race, which we won in May. We had two days of testing and then one day free. I went golfing with my teammates. There's a nice golf course in Spa – nine holes and then we won the race, so probably we have to do the same in Le Mans.

[00:19:41] **Sebastian Rudolph:** And maybe one day Paul will accompany you and play some holes. This would be really funny, I bet.

[00:19:50] **Kévin Estre:** It would be great.

[00:19:52] **Sebastian Rudolph:** Let's talk about family, because both of you are family men. Has this family role changed your approach dealing with stress, dealing with preparations or lack of sleep? Starting with you, Paul.

[00:20:06] **Paul Casey:** Interestingly, I think it has changed me in lots of ways. Partly I think it helped give me more purpose for what I did. I now have two children and a wife and I have them to play for in a fun way. It doesn't add pressure, I just enjoy this. But it changes my time sometimes. You know, golf is a very time-consuming sport, when I'm away and just as much when I'm home trying to practice and you know, you feel like you never have enough time to work on every aspect of the game. And so time management is, yeah, it has become challenging, but in a weird way. Look, golf is my life, but my kids are now the most important thing in my life. So it puts this sort of, this golf, which is in my life, in perspective. You know, you have to choose ultimately, and my family will always come first. And in a way that's actually made me relax on the golf course. If a bad round happens, it doesn't matter, I'm still going to get a hug when I go home from my two kids and my wife. So yeah, there are a lot of challenges that go with it. It's not easy. I spend more than six months a year away, probably closer to seven months a year on the road, and it can be lonely, it can be challenging for them, but the family thing is, for me, incredibly positive.



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[00:21:22] **Sebastian Rudolph:** And during the tournaments, Paul, you have a partner, a caddy, who is not only carrying the bag, but is an advisor, a supporter. Tell us more about this partnership and its importance during a tournament.

[00:21:40] **Paul Casey:** My caddy is a guy called John who lives in England. John McLaren. He's a caddy who carries the bag, but it's so much more than that. We work together on the golf course, calculating and understanding what is required on each shot and trying to figure that out together. He is part motivational speaker, psychologist, sometimes a kind of coach, to kind of say, you know, you need to work on this. He can be the kick that I need to keep me straight sometimes or even the hand on the shoulder to sometimes console me or calm me down. I mean, he and every caddy that is out there, they have so many hats that they wear. If you look back many years, the caddies were kind of, you know, they just picked up the golf bag and they walked the golf course and nobody really understood how much impact they had on the player. Now they're incredibly professional. He spends his life crunching statistics and data and analysing golf courses and helping me figure out the schedule of where we should play based on the data that he's crunching. He calls up the statisticians and he's visiting the golf courses and he's doing all this work behind the scenes that nobody sees. And it genuinely helps and makes a difference. You know, our sport over four days, 72 holes where you're hitting 270/280 shots, it does come down to sort of a shot a day. One shot over the course of four days, it does come down to that. And decisions that he makes with me, or decisions he helps me make, are the difference between sometimes winning and losing. And not only that – he is also one of my best friends, which is cool that we get to travel the world and have fun, which I think is really, really important. He's the guy who sees me at my best and he sees me at my worst, as well.

[00:23:27] **Sebastian Rudolph:** Making a difference. Kévin, what role does your family play in your motorsport life?

[00:23:34] **Kévin Estre:** Yeah, let's say, I was a bit scared because you hear, you know, always in motorsport when you get a kid, you get three tenths slower per lap. But yeah, my son is now 10 months old and the first race I did was actually three days after he was born, on the Nürburgring, and I was still fast, so I was fine, you know, I was relaxed. I think it's a bit the same as what Paul said, that when I'm driving I'm fully focused, I don't think about anything else



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because you have to be fully focused and not think about the rest. But when you get out of the car or, as Paul said, when you have a bad weekend, now I have something to get over it easier. You have your son, your wife at home, it makes you happier, you know, they will be happy to see you, you'll be happy to see them, spend some time with them and you forget about the race very quickly. But there's for sure some challenges with, as Paul said, the time you have at home. You have to spend it with the family and also training and preparing yourself for the race, which is now more challenging and you try to find the right spot to do your own thing, but still spend some time with the family.

[00:24:42] **Sebastian Rudolph:** And during the races, is the pit radio something to compare with the caddy role in golf?

[00:24:48] **Kévin Estre:** Yeah, it was interesting to listen about the caddy because I think the engineer is a bit like our caddy. He's the guy who is on the radio, he's on the pit stands, he works a lot towards the race. He works for three weeks only on this race and the next race. Also about statistics, what do you need to do to be fast there, what will be the strategy with the weather, with the tyres? And when we're driving in the car, of course we're alone, but then he is there or there are many engineers, but mainly one which speaks to you on the radio, watching the monitor, seeing the lap time, watching the telemetry, so seeing exactly live what you are doing in the car. There are thousands of sensors in the car and he can see exactly what you are doing, what the car is doing and maybe giving you some tips sometimes, okay in this corner, your teammate is doing something different, just try to break a bit later, coming quicker, save some fuel. So he's coaching you, basically or helping you throughout the traffic during the run and also motivating you. You know, when you have a 20 second gap to the leader, you're in P2 and you know every lap he's telling you, ok, you gain three tenths this lap, keep pushing, you know, and this is important. Or you have a double thing to do. You start with the new tyres, you put fast lap after fast lap and he comes on the radio and says: "hey, calm down, you know, you have to keep your tyres alive." So yeah, I think he's sitting in the tent with the monitors and we're driving. So we are far away from each other but in the end very close with the radio and there are a lot of messages during the race and it's teamwork. You know, you have the engineer, you have the programme manager, you have your teammate, who is also on the radio sometimes helping you.



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And this is also kind of like coaching. So there are many people behind us who help us with our driving, but in the end we have to activate the throttle and steer the wheels. But there are a lot of techniques and radio calls behind us to help us be faster.

[00:26:37] **Sebastian Rudolph:** Now it's game time – I want to play a little quiz. Each of you gets a question about the other. Let's see who is the best possible athlete in this quiz. So, we'll start with you Paul, a question about Kévin. What colour was the livery of the 911 RSR with which Kévin won the 24 Hours of Le Mans as part of a trio of drivers? Was it a pink pig, red horse or blue elephant?

[00:27:14] **Paul Casey:** I wish I had my coffee cup, I have a Pink Pig coffee cup which I have my coffee from every morning, and I'm looking, I can see his video. I swear that's the pink pig livery behind him. Did you just show me the pink pig?

[00:27:33] **Kévin Estre:** Yeah.

[00:27:34] **Paul Casey:** So, pink pig. I mean, it's one of my favorite liveries ever. So pink pig.

[00:27:38] **Sebastian Rudolph:** That was a birdie for Paul and a point in this quiz. Yes, pink pig is right, in memory of the pink 917 livery from the Seventies. Butcher-style meat cuts on the body work. Great. Kévin, now it's your turn. The question about Paul: where did Paul's career start? On the European Tour, the PGA Tour or the Asian Tour?

[00:28:08] **Kévin Estre:** European Tour.

[00:28:09] **Sebastian Rudolph:** That was fast and right. So congrats to this one. A pure racing driver. Let's move on to Kévin's driving style. What is he often said to do? Does he drive smoothly, aggressively or traditionally?

[00:28:33] **Paul Casey:** I mean, smooth is fast. Did you say traditionally? Is that an option? You have to explain that one.

[00:28:42] **Kévin Estre:** Standard, standard, it means like this.

[00:28:45] **Sebastian Rudolph:** Leave that out maybe.



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[00:28:49] **Paul Casey:** I would say smooth and smooth is fast. Or aggressive, are you an aggressive person?

[00:28:55] **Sebastian Rudolph:** At the fringes and the ball went in, so it was aggressively, right. Good. Good shot, Paul.

[00:29:02] **Kévin Estre:** I'm not an aggressive person, but my driving style is, let's say, more aggressive.

[00:29:05] **Paul Casey:** Is it aggressive? I didn't ...

[00:29:08] **Kévin Estre:** Yeah, a little bit.

[00:29:12] **Paul Casey:** This worries me. This worries me if I ever get in a car with Kévin. This worries me.

[00:29:17] **Kévin Estre:** I think if I send you a video of my swing, you will feel that my issue might be I'm too aggressive.

[00:29:27] **Sebastian Rudolph:** Let's move on to question number two. Paul is the proud owner of several Porsche GT3 RS cars. How many does he own? Two, three or five?

[00:29:40] **Kévin Estre:** I would say three.

[00:29:43] **Sebastian Rudolph:** That was fast, and it was right again, congrats. So Kévin is answering like he drives: aggressively and on-point.

[00:29:54] **Kévin Estre:** That was luck. Nice.

[00:29:57] **Paul Casey:** It's a difficult question because you never know what I may have, I may have bought something last week.

[00:30:03] **Kévin Estre:** Exactly. Congrats, congrats. That's good to own them.

[00:30:07] **Sebastian Rudolph:** Paul, let's move on to the third and final question for you. How many races has Kévin competed in so far? More than 100, more than 200 or more than 300 races?



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[00:30:27] **Paul Casey:** Is this professionally? Because, you know, if we're counting from his karting career, which he started when he was four, I mean ...

[00:30:32] **Kévin Estre:** No, I think it's not professionally.

[00:30:35] **Paul Casey:** I mean it was in 1988. I mean he's not old compared to me.

[00:30:38] **Kévin Estre:** I think this would be since I'm driving a racing car, let's say. I don't think it's professionally, but since 2006, I would say.

[00:30:48] **Sebastian Rudolph:** I think Paul is on the right track, so continue and answer. It's a long putt but it's a birdie.

[00:30:59] **Paul Casey:** If you're over, over in that period ... more than 300 would be a lot, that would be a lot of races.

[00:31:04] **Kévin Estre:** To be honest, I'm not sure I know it myself. You'll have to help me.

[00:31:13] **Paul Casey:** I mean it's more than 200. I just don't know if it's more than 300. Can I go with 250?

[00:31:22] **Sebastian Rudolph:** You wanted to say twice that it's more than 300. At the end, you're a little bit ... so what is your answer?

[00:31:30] **Paul Casey:** 300.

[00:31:30] **Sebastian Rudolph:** Yeah. Well done. So, last question for Kévin. Besides his car collection, Paul has another passion when it comes to collecting, but what is it? Stamps, Nike dunk sneakers or vintage golf balls?

[00:31:50] **Kévin Estre:** The easiest thing would be the golf balls. But I see some shoes around there. Yeah, I would say sneakers. I saw it behind, it helped, nice.

[00:32:02] **Sebastian Rudolph:** Yeah, which is good and true. And we were witnesses of true teamwork in this quiz. So, the outcome is 3:3. You were very professionally competing and thanks for your answers.



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[00:32:17] **Kévin Estre:** Thank you.

[00:32:19] **Sebastian Rudolph:** So now it's your turn, dear listeners, you once again have the chance to win in this episode of our Porsche Podcast.

[00:32:30] **Clip:** Porsche AG is giving away a Porsche golf bag. The competition will run from now until the release date of the next Porsche podcast episode. Simply send an email with your answer to our question to podcast@porsche.de. Porsche will choose the winner from all correct entries. Anyone aged 18 or older may take part. You can find the entire details in the Porsche newsroom at newsroom.porsche.com/en/podcasts along with a few clues. Good luck.

[00:33:03] **Sebastian Rudolph:** Now, all that's missing is the question. What title do Paul Casey and Kévin Estre have in common? Simply send your answer by email to podcast@porsche.de. We are curious.

Today's podcast episode is coming to an end and time has flown by. Paul and Kévin, thanks for your inspiring answers and the fun we had. But I have one final question and I'll maybe start with Kévin. What advice would you give your younger self? So looking back 10 or 20 years when you were a rookie becoming a professional, what advice would have been key?

[00:33:46] **Kévin Estre:** I think, it would be never give up, but this is kind of an obvious one. Not being too focused on one thing. You know, having a goal is very important. For me, it was Formula One since I was a kid and I think to open your mind earlier, the most important thing in the end, for me, was to be professional and I was seeing Formula One as the only professional motorsport being a kid. And then I realised that endurance racing is awesome. It's more than just racing cars fast around the track. There is a huge team behind you. You travel the world, drive awesome cars and have teammates. It is just a bit of a different sport and maybe this would be one advice I would give to maybe open my eyes and look at something different, earlier. And the next thing would be maybe to not be so aggressive on some occasions. Because now people call it my driving style. But now with experience, I manage it a lot better than I used to do. And I definitely used to be too aggressive and made some mistakes, but also it taught me to a better person and a better athlete, better driver. So yeah, these would be the two things for sure: never give up, open your mind, look at different possibilities and, for me, don't be too



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aggressive. Try sometimes to give a few tenths of a second back and make sure you finish the lap and enjoy. That's also very important.

[00:35:18] **Sebastian Rudolph:** And what about you, Paul?

[00:35:19] **Paul Casey:** Actually, what Kévin just said, right at the end, which was the enjoyment. I wouldn't change my determination and how seriously I took my sport and how much pressure I put on myself and the sacrifices I made – I would never change that. I would never tell my younger self anything different. But I would tell myself to enjoy the successes and the journey more. Open my eyes a little bit more. Be aware of, you know, how cool it is to play professional golf and to play the places I have, and meet the people I have.

I think there was a time when you're so, you're just, you're caught up and you just go, go, go, go – constantly on planes and flying and sometimes you didn't sit back and reflect. I'm not even doing that now – that's something I want to do when I retire. But to just understand how cool it is. Smile a little bit more, engage with the fans a little bit more and that's really it. Just enjoy it. Basically, to not take it too seriously and not get too worried about the downs because the downs sometimes can be bad. Luckily, I haven't made too many mistakes, so there's not too much to tell the younger self.

[00:36:30] **Sebastian Rudolph:** Well, Kévin, Paul, thank you so much for the conversation. I really enjoyed it and I hope you had a great time as well. Thanks.

[00:36:38] **Kévin Estre:** Thank you.

[00:36:39] **Paul Casey:** Thank you.

[00:36:41] **Sebastian Rudolph:** Yes, dear listeners, I hope you enjoyed the podcast episode too and if you have any suggestions or feedback, please send them via email to podcast@porsche.de. I'm looking forward to our next episode and I hope you will join me again. Until then stay safe and goodbye.