

# Travelers Championship

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TPC River Highlands

Cromwell, Connecticut, USA

## Jordan Spieth

### Quick Quotes

**Q. You had said it was during your warmup that it started to lock up. Was it your neck, your back? What were you experiencing?**

JORDAN SPIETH: It was just like midway through on my irons. Everything was great in my gym session, and I've been very, very excited to go out and play. Things have been getting better and better, and then my right scap just kind of locked -- like tightened midway through the warmup, and I just kept hitting, and then all of a sudden it was moving up, everything around it started to -- and then it was over the left and then it was like everything, so I stopped. It was both sides of my neck and upper back, and then I moved over to -- I quit 30 minutes early from my warmup and came back to the table with my physio who was out there on the range, Marnus, who works with Scottie and JT and some other guys, and tried to get on top of it, and as I was out there playing, I couldn't -- I just wasn't moving very well, and then it just got worse.

I was just going to try to see if I could somehow get through at even. It's a weird situation with an elevated event and no cut and important points and stuff. It's like, well, what's the downside if I can finish of just finishing even if it's ugly, and then I hit my tee shot on 13, and it legitimately really hurt.

I was walking off that tee, and I'm like, if it's even harder to turn, then I'm not going to be able to make a backswing that's even useful, and that's what happened on the bunker shot. I was like -- it's only going to get worse to finish the round, and it's not worth it. I thought that was the time.

I've never withdrawn from an event ever anywhere at any level, so I didn't really know what to do. It just became too much. I didn't see it turning around until probably Saturday. These things kind of last an extra day, and no matter what I was going to do, it was just going to be -- I don't know, it's unfortunate. I've been doing everything right, and I think it was just very random.

I may have just slept wrong and then something came along. I don't know what caused it. I've done the same



routine. I didn't change anything up. I took Monday pretty easy. There was no excuses. It was very random. Unfortunate, given the timing.

**Q. How frustrating was it, when we were talking Tuesday and Wednesday it seems like your game is trending in a really good direction?**

JORDAN SPIETH: Yeah, it's incredibly frustrating because this was 10 out of 12 for me and I was looking at this being the strongest one, and I was very confident about that. Everything I had done in practice and the pro-am showed me it's going to be a really good event. It's just a very weird circumstance.

It's disappointing. I'm having some -- we're having a baby here in a couple weeks, so I'll have some time off now, obviously, to get healthy, but hopefully after a few days I go through the right process to just get right back to where I was. Yeah, it's a bummer. It's a bummer at this event, obviously.

**Q. Do you think your schedule from Truist onward contributed at all?**

JORDAN SPIETH: No, because I've had little things here or there that everybody has, a hip thing here for a day or two, just random stuff. It was just totally random. It was not overdone. I didn't feel stress coming into this. Like if I was anxious or whatever that would have caused anything to tighten up, it would have been last week, and I had none of that here. In fact, it felt like a relaxing week.

I think it was just a random one-off that unfortunately got worse and bad enough on a Thursday that I didn't feel like I could continue.

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