

# AT&T Byron Nelson

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TPC Craig Ranch

## Peter Malnati

### Quick Quotes

**Q. Peter, bogey-free round. You just said that you've shot a few of those that you can remember the last one. But your two eagles were rather unique. Can you take through each of those?**

PETER MALNATI: Sure. I think step up on 9 and was pleasantly surprised to see the tees up a little bit, because that's pretty daunting tee shot from the back tee with this southerly wind.

So with the tees up it made it still a tee shot that you had to hit a good one because it's a little tighter, but I hit a nice one and had a 4-iron into the green. Played a really kind of smart shot with a 4-iron and ended up with a long putt.

Just trying to lag it down there with good speed toward the hole and it just went right in. So that was cool, to make a 3 there.

Then 13, you know, I would imagine -- we'll look at the end of the day -- but I imagine 13 is one of the top three hardest holes on the course would be my guess. I really hit a nice drive and was just really in perfect position.

Still a tough pin to get very close to. Just hit a nice 6-iron that was going right at it. Had to be a big, full, hard 6-iron for me, and we weren't sure it was going to get there, but I knew it was pretty good. They said up by the green it kind of took one hop and trickled in the hole, so that's really cool.

**Q. Currently ranked seventh, eagles like yours will skew the numbers.**

PETER MALNATI: Yeah, no, I bet by the end the day we'll see -- I bet that's would guess that's top three hardest out here, but I have no idea really.

**Q. Overall just the 64, those two holes aside, how was the game shaping up?**

PETER MALNATI: Yeah, I been playing so well. You know, last week wasn't a great week to judge the game



because the conditions were so tough. I really felt good. Felt like I was playing well. My game for the last couple months has really been feeling very positive.

I played some good rounds and haven't really turned in great scores, even one round like today, or especially not great scores throughout a tournament. But today just felt like kind of a continuation of how I've been playing.

It was really nice to -- made a long putt on 9; made another putt somewhere else. Made a 6-iron. So to post a good score, that's obviously what we're judged on in golf. You're only as good as your score they say.

To post a good score feels really good because it feels like I've been trending in the right direction for a while. Off to a good start this week and hopefully keep it going.

**Q. Was there a point late in your round where you might've looked at the scoreboard and you saw Sebastian put the 60 up there. What were you thinking when you saw that?**

PETER MALNATI: Not thinking a lot about it. I was pretty impressed obviously. That's a good score.

I guess in way though after I made the eagle on 13 to get to 6-under, when you look at the board and see -- well, I just made a 6-iron on one of the hardest holes, and at that point I was five back. He was at 11-under.

It was like, well, no sense to get complacent. Might as well keep going. So I guess obviously I'm always trying to do the best I can, but may have been motivating to see someone going that low, knowing you could do it, needed to do it on the course. If anything, it was just motivation.

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