

Senior PGA Championship

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Thomas Bjørn

Quick Quotes



THE MODERATOR: We're here with Thomas Bjørn at the 2025 Senior PGA Championship, 2-under on the day. How was your round out there?

THOMAS BJORN: How was it? It was pretty -- the first, what, five or six holes were really, really tough. It was really windy and cold this morning, so there was a lot to deal with there. The way the first four holes especially on this golf course play, it's kind of a brutal awakening to your day.

But after that, it offers you a few good opportunities, and I had a lot, and then didn't quite take them, but then I holed a bunker shot there on 16, and that kind of made up for the ones we missed.

Yeah, nice day. If you had asked me on the range and going down the first few holes if I'd taken 70 today with that wind, I would have snapped your hand off, so I'm pleased with it.

Q. Towards this acceptance of the conditions or the result, it's a philosophy in a way but is that something that plays to your advantage?

THOMAS BJORN: Yeah, I just think the way the golf course is, it obviously offers you some opportunity out there, but there's a lot of really tough holes and a lot of tough golf shots that you have to hit and kind of be in the right frame of mind to stay away from certain things at times out there and really dig into how you're feeling over every shot, and you can't just take on everything here, you've got to be aware about all the undulations and all the things that happen on this golf course.

I think having a lot of experience, I think, does help for guys that have played a lot of major championships and understand where flags, hitting away from flags sometimes is a good idea and kind of try and build a score instead of try and chase it. I don't think this golf course is there to be chased down. I think you have to show it a lot of respect and hit golf shots into good areas.

Even if you have a wedge in your hand, sometimes a par is a good score, and that's how you've got to play this golf course.

Q. When courses are wet, we always hear about softer fairways, softer greens. We don't often hear about bunkers. Wet bunkers can be a serious challenge, can't they?

THOMAS BJORN: Yeah, I guess they can. These are tough bunkers. You're very low down. That can be tough. But then again goes back to what I said before. If you short-side yourself on this golf course on any bunkers, the shots just become impossible. You can't get them close. You've just got to be wary about this golf course and the trouble that it throws at you.

Bunkering is -- this is a great set of bunkers. There's no doubt about it. And they are challenging, so that's the way it should be, I guess.

Q. What was the bunker shot on 16?

THOMAS BJORN: You know, I was just on that short right bunker. I had a great number for my second shot, but you don't really want to miss that green left, and I just kind of hung it out in the wind a little bit, and that bunker was a decent place to be, and I had a nice one I could just pop up on the green and roll down to the hole, and yeah, it went in. Sometimes they do.

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