

# The American Express

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La Quinta, California, USA

PGA WEST Pete Dye Stadium Course

## Michael Thorbjornsen

### Quick Quotes

**Q. 7-under for the first round, how would you assess your first round?**

MICHAEL THORBJORNSEN: Yeah, I feel like I played well, I putted well, all parts of the game was there. A little bit of a slow start on 1 and 2, but I put some good work in the off-season and I like where my game's at, I like how my body's feeling, so just trust that. It's a very gettable course, so the birdies will come.

**Q. First start of the season, how are you feeling after you, withdrew last week from Sony?**

MICHAEL THORBJORNSEN: Yeah, last week I had tonsillitis. The day I arrived is kind of when it hit me, and I was stuck in bed for three days straight. It was really, really bad. Yeah, obviously kind of past that now, got some good reps, came out here I think Saturday, so got an extra day of practice, and kind of got things back in order.

**Q. Did you get your tonsils removed?**

MICHAEL THORBJORNSEN: No, I didn't get 'em removed, just antibiotics, that did the trick.

**Q. Had it been kind of leading up to that, because it was a last-minute withdrawal?**

MICHAEL THORBJORNSEN: Yeah, it was. I think Tuesday was the worst day. Those three days feel like one day, but, yeah, we were thinking, okay, if I sleep really well, if I feel good enough, even if, I mean, it's not completely healed, if I can just manage to scrounge out maybe 1-, 2-under, I'll feel even better for the next day and have a later tee time. Unfortunately, I didn't sleep great, woke up in the morning, and didn't feel any better, so that's kind of when we decided to withdraw.

**Q. Great round today, how are you feeling today, a week removed from that?**

MICHAEL THORBJORNSEN: Yeah, feeling good. Head's in a good space, body's feeling good. My tonsils aren't



touching each other any more, which is good. Yeah, everything feels good, no complaints.

**Q. Looking forward to the rest of the week with the course rotation, what's the game plan heading back over to PGA West?**

MICHAEL THORBJORNSEN: Kind of just, I mean, every course is different, that's why you play your practice rounds out here. We got some good practice rounds in these past few days, and kind of understand what's needed off the tee and coming into those greens. I feel like in general the greens are very similar, maybe Stadium is a little bit more firmer greens, just because it's a newer course, or newer greens, but, yeah, for the most part just hit fairway, hit greens, and see if you can make some putts.

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