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TPC Scottsdale

Michael Thorbjornsen

Quick Quotes

Q. Michael, 6-under today. Great round. Talk through what was working for you.

MICHAEL THORBJORNSSEN: Yeah, got off to a somewhat hot start. Hit one close on 1. Missed, but made birdie on 2, birdie on 3, and birdie on 4.

Kind of something that I didn't -- I wasn't really able to do first two days, but managed to make some putts, hit some shots a little closer.

And, yeah, feel like I played around the same as I did yesterday. I just managed to get thing going.

Q. How do you stay mentally focused at this tournament compared to others?

MICHAEL THORBJORNSSEN: Just more of the same. I feel like TGL has definitely helped me focus when the crowd is loud and you kind of have people hanging over you. Really just focus on what you can control out there and just stick to your process?

Q. I was just going to ask about that. Recently you've been tearing it up both on TGL and on the PGA TOUR so far this year. What have you taken from TGL that's really helped you excel?

MICHAEL THORBJORNSSEN: Yeah, I wish I could putt as well as I did on these greens here as I do on TGL.

I feel like it definitely helps giving me some confidence out here on the greens. I know I can make putts on Astroturf or grass. It can be done.

Again, yeah, just having people kind of hanging over you and getting booed when you hit a poor shot, you just kind of deal with it now.

Q. You're leading the field in strokes gained off 9 tee right now. Does it feel like that right now?

MICHAEL THORBJORNSSEN: I think -- I mean, last year I



had a pretty good driving year, despite that first three-, four-month stretch of where I just wasn't really able to hit the ball too well.

I feel like that's my best club. I feel very confident in it. Feel like I could hit it better, but at the same time, the stats say it's pretty good.

I mean, just going to try and keep doing what I'm doing with it.

Q. You went 6-under today; put yourself in a good spot going into tomorrow. What's the mentality heading into there? Anything you want to change? Anything you want to do better?

MICHAEL THORBJORNSSEN: No. Just do absolutely the same thing, stick to the same process. Normally I don't want to change anything, whether I'm in the lead or fighting to make the cut, so just going to try and hit the best shot I can and then just move on to the next one.

Q. Being from Massachusetts, what is your favorite course in the area?

MICHAEL THORBJORNSSEN: I grew up playing a lot of golf on TPC Boston, so I'll probably have to say that one. Been a while since I've been back there but that was my favorite spot growing up.

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