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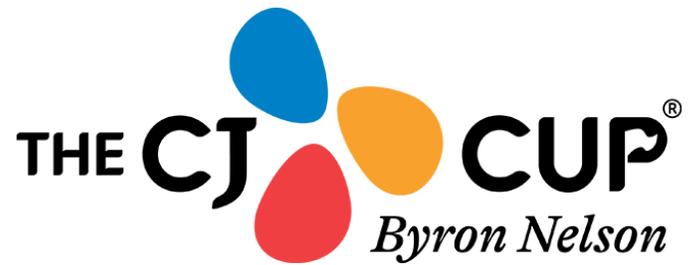
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McKinney, Texas, USA

TPC Craig Ranch

Alex Noren

Quick Quotes



Q. First group off early were in the morning. Start off with a delay. What did your morning look like?

ALEX NOREN: Well, I think it wasn't too bad to get a delay, especially when it's only one hour. I was looking forward to getting the text message a little earlier so we could sleep one more hour.

Finally got out and the greens were amazing. The rest of the course, wet, but the greens were amazing.

So I took advantage of those.

Q. Describe that finish. Four birdies in a row to finish.

ALEX NOREN: Yeah, I kind of didn't make a birdie on that par-5 where I had an easy chip up and down, and then good just solid shots coming in it. Managed to get on two on 9. It's a tricky drive for me. I don't really like that hole.

But, yeah, overall we worked hard on the putting last two days trying to figure out what's been bad in the putting and today was a great day on the greens.

Q. Fourth start and fourth round of 64 or better. How does that course fit your eye?

ALEX NOREN: Well, I mean, it's pretty wide which everybody likes. It's not too easy coming into the greens. Pretty undulated; run-offs.

But overall, I just find it like a nice course. It's quite long some places and now you made that par-5 into a par-4, so it's not as maybe easy scoring as it has been.

But just the look of the shots. I mean, the Swedish greens, not the bermuda, so, yeah, it looks nice to my eye I guess.

Q. Is the putter the club that you feel has been holding you back?

ALEX NOREN: Yeah. I mean statistically I think it has been. I'm not a huge statistic guy but that's what my

coaches tell me. When bring me to the putting green more often than the range you know the putting is the cold one.

Yeah, I got much better work the last two days. Figured out kind of a way to just get the different lines and matching with the eyes, and get the putter square on not just the straight ones but left-to-right and right-to-left.

So it has been difficult to just get a feel for the greens.

Q. I know you're not a big stats guy like you said. If you look at strokes gained, you're top 10 overall for the season. Made every cut so far this year. Does this feel like the best golf you've played in a while?

ALEX NOREN: Yeah, it feels like -- I've been working on the same things for half a year now, so it's been a lot better. I don't look at any swing on the video which messes my head up.

Just trying to be a little bit more focused on the shots, and then I just work on my hips and my legs mostly. Then when that's working I know I can shape it the way I want to.

So it's been steadier, especially off the tee I think, and giving myself more chances.

Q. At what point was there a putt you made today you felt like, okay, I got it dialed in?

ALEX NOREN: I had trouble. Just hit the ball into the ground too much normally and I did some drills out here that helped me. Then I started off making like a long birdie putt on 10, my first hole.

So then I like these greens. Feels like home. We didn't have this good of a green but it's the same sort of grass, yeah.

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