

THE CJ CUP Byron Nelson

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McKinney, Texas, USA

TPC Craig Ranch

Michael Thorbjornsen

Quick Quotes

Q. Bogey-free 64. What did you like about your opening round?

MICHAEL THORBJORSEN: Hit the ball really well. Hit a lot of fairways. Was hitting my iron shots pretty close, and then we're putting on bent greens for once. I grew up playing on bent, so felt like I could read them really well. Had the pace down. So I made some putts today as well.

Q. Sure the course differed from Tuesday. What are we seeing from the course today and what can we expect tomorrow?

MICHAEL THORBJORSEN: Yeah, happy we are playing lift clean and lie -- or preferred lies. It's definitely softer out there so you can definitely attack some pins. I would say I was coming in with a lot of 9-irons today that normally would take a bounce and release a couple yards.

Today they were pitching and not rolling at all. You could definitely fire at some pins.

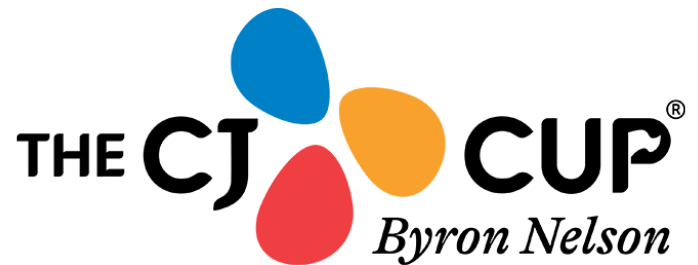
Q. What did you do to spend the rainy day?

MICHAEL THORBJORSEN: Came over here. You never know. There might be a pocket. As soon as I got in the car and drove over I had no hope of hitting balls or getting to play my practice round.

But came here, got some physio work done, got a workout in. Kind of just relax, and I feel like with the schedule at least that I'm playing now, a lot of weeks in a row, you'll take a rest day here and there. Not going to complain about it.

Game was in a good spot on Tuesday so I didn't really need to get that much work in. Obviously would be good to get a couple swings in to stay loose. I'm happy with where my game is at. It was nice to take a day off.

Q. Mentioned you're happy with your game. You been trending, putting good rounds together. Where are you feeling most confident?



MICHAEL THORBJORSEN: All around with everything. Whether it's swing or off the tee, iron shots, short game, and putting, I feel good about all parts of it.

Energy levels are doing well. I had mono start of the year which came out of nowhere, so I mean, I feel like my energy levels are back. Feel good. Feel like myself out there.

So just excited to keep playing more golf.

Q. Health-wise do you feel back to where you were prior to the mono?

MICHAEL THORBJORSEN: Yeah, totally. I mean, people say mono stays in your system for a very long time. I didn't really believe that. I thought after the first two, three weeks I was fine. Looking back you realize that, yeah, it's still in your system. I mean, I'm miss-hitting shots I normally wouldn't miss-hit, energy level's low, and that takes a toll on you mentally.

I feel like everything is good right now. Want to knock on wood right after this. I feel good.

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