

# THE CJ CUP Byron Nelson

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McKinney, Texas, USA

TPC Craig Ranch

## Scottie Scheffler

### Quick Quotes

**Q. First off, thanks for wearing some white because I couldn't have seen you if you weren't wearing white on the last hole. Tell me about the decision to go ahead and finish 18.**

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER: I think, if we were going to come back, come back pretty early in the morning. I think even if finishing 18 would have cost me a shot, I think it would have saved me a shot tomorrow based on energy, not having to come out here early and wait five hours or so to tee off.

Once they gave us the go-ahead to finish, I was definitely very anxious to finish.

**Q. I don't know if you had your best stuff today, but you started with a six-shot lead, and you take an eight-shot lead into the final round. That's good golf.**

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER: It was good golf. I did a good job getting it around today. I definitely wasn't as sharp as I was the last two days, but overall I posted a pretty good score.

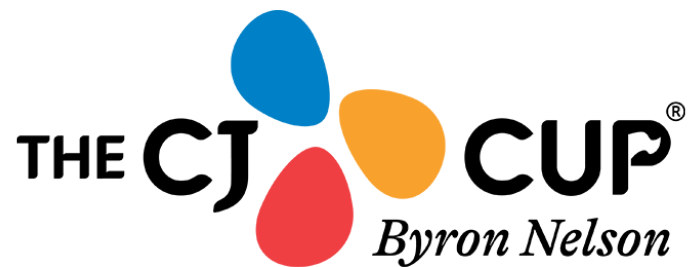
Over a 72-hole tournament you're going to have days, or typically at least one day where your swing's not firing on all cylinders like it was the first two days. It's all about how you battle through that. Today I did a good job and hopefully tomorrow I'll swing a little better.

**Q. Did you think at any point out there you might not finish tonight?**

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER: Yeah, when we got to the 3rd tee there was two groups on it, I'm like, how is this possible?

But I didn't really think about it other than that. Once we were on the back nine, I felt like we were going to finish. I'm kind of an optimist when it comes to stuff like that.

I knew they were going to do everything they could to get us around. Nobody wants to come back in the morning. We were fortunate to get it done.



**Q. How was it to play the last hole? How well could you actually see?**

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER: I couldn't see very well, but I finished in the dark many times growing up. It's not that big of a deal.

**Q. The approach on 18, you basically couldn't see anything once you swung?**

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER: I saw the ball take off. After that, I was just kind of waiting to see what happened. I saw it take off the way I wanted it to. But after that, I couldn't see that far. Really, I'd say the most challenging part was reading a green, I think, in the dark is probably the most challenging.

**Q. Have you allowed yourself to think about tomorrow, or has it just been crazy just to finish today?**

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER: I mean, I just walked off the golf course. Tomorrow is not really a concern of mine right now.

**Q. It is your hometown advantage. You've been excited to play all week. And no one since Scott Verplank, no high school graduate of Dallas has won the Nelson since Verplank in '07. What would that mean to you?**

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER: It would mean a lot. This tournament has been good to me over the years. It was my first professional start in 2014. They gave me a spot when I was in high school. Had a great week. This tournament means a lot to me. I grew up coming out here to watch.

Yeah, tomorrow should be a fun day and a good opportunity for me to go out and have a good round and hopefully win a tournament.

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