#### U.S. Senior Open Championship

Thursday, June 26, 2025 *Colorado Springs, Colorado, USA* The Broadmoor (East Course)

#### Thomas Bjørn

**Quick Quotes** 

#### Q. First off, how did you find the course played today?

THOMAS BJØRN: It's a USGA setup, so you've got to hit the fairways. That's the key. I did that pretty much most of the day today. I'm pretty happy with how it turned out on the whole.

I covered the putts on the front nine, missed a couple of short ones on the back nine. All in all, played good golf. The course was great. Good start and kick on from here.

## Q. How did it differ from the practice rounds you were able to get in?

THOMAS BJØRN: Quite a lot. It's a bit softer. We had a lot of rain the past two days. It's just constant rain. It comes in big, so it's difficult for the water to go anywhere. It's a little bit soft, but that's okay. It will dry out as the week progresses and get tougher and tougher.

# Q. Started out with the three birdies and then two bogeys, but you rebounded with the birdie on 16. Talk about how you were able to do that.

THOMAS BJØRN: I thought I played pretty well on that front nine, and then I holed a long putt on 10 and kind of in general kept it pretty going.

Then I missed a couple of short putts, three short putts in a row, two for par and one for birdie. It was like I'd gone a little bit wrong there, but nice birdie on 16. I hit some great shots on 17 and 18. I didn't hole the putts, but all in all, it was probably a pretty fair reflection of the day, I think.

### Q. Finally, how does it feel to be one stroke off the lead?

THOMAS BJØRN: It's Thursday. There's no prizes on Thursday. You've just got to get into this event. In any sort of USGA setup, you can very quickly play yourself out of it. It's a question of just being there and being around on





Sunday so you can give yourself a chance to be up there.

So this is a good start, but I know there's 54 holes ahead and hard work ahead.

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