

ROUND 2 QUICK QUOTES
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MICHAEL THORBJORNSEN (-12)



Q. Michael, good to be in with that round of 63, that's a pretty special round in some difficult conditions. Talk us through it a little bit.

MICHAEL THORBJORNSEN: Yeah, I think I was saying before I was hitting the ball really well yesterday, didn't quite make many putts. I think I hit 17 greens, didn't get up and down the one time I missed the green yesterday. So I know if I can just keep it going, a lower score will be had today.

Yeah, I feel like I hit the ball just as well. Honestly, hit a couple more fairways yesterday and a couple more greens yesterday, but made some more putts and obviously hit some a little closer than I did yesterday.

Q. Two eagles today. Can you just talk us through those?

MICHAEL THORBJORNSEN: Yeah. First one was on, was it 7? Yeah, hit a really good drive, was into off the left, hit a really low bullet. It's kind of weird, we actually -- I was in some animal burrowing, so we had to wait for a decent bit. My playing competitors, they almost finished the hole by the time we got a ruling. Honestly, like a decent break but unlucky at the same time. So I hit an 8-iron from 180, started left edge of the green, floated right back toward the pin.

Out here with how exposed this golf course is to the wind, it's kind of a guessing game in a way, so I feel like we guessed right. And honestly, once you get it -- once you guess right a few times, then it definitely helps later on in the round.

Then on, is it 12, hit a really good drive downwind, had 200 left to the pin, hit 8-iron, landed front edge again like 18 feet or so. Enrique, one of my playing competitors, had a similar putt so I got a good read off of him and just made it.

Q. Just to clarify, did you get the relief?

MICHAEL THORBJORNSEN: Yes, I did get relief. It was definitely not a divot and there was a few patches like that around there. Yeah, half my ball was below ground. I honestly didn't think I was going to get relief, but it doesn't hurt to ask.

Q. You're PGA TOUR University No. 1 for all the tournaments this year. How's that sitting with you after your performance last year?

MICHAEL THORBJORNSEN: Yeah, honestly, like it's great and that's the reason why I'm



out here right now, but that was a year ago and you can't really reminisce on the past. I'm a professional golfer now, everyone starts from scratch again.

Yeah, just trying to build what I've got these past I think eight months or so. Yeah, I mean, I'm not really thinking about it too much. PGA TOUR U's been awesome, it's given me a huge opportunity, I'm very thankful and grateful, but yeah, I'm just trying to play my best out here now, not really think about that too much.

Q. You played 70 or 80 rounds on the PGA TOUR now and that's your fourth round of 63, that's your career low. How does that compare with the other three that you've posted?

MICHAEL THORBJORNSSEN: I only remember one other one.

Q. There was two at the John Deere and I think one at Sanderson Farms.

MICHAEL THORBJORNSSEN: Yeah, I remember the Sanderson Farms one. Completely different courses all around. This one may be a little easier off the tee, but definitely with all the wind it's tough to hit 'em close and figure out the putts.

I mean, I think when you shoot 63 on any course, they're all going to be -- they're all tied for the best. Yeah, I played well today.

Q. This is your first visit here. What's your first impression of the course and the area?

MICHAEL THORBJORNSSEN: It's great, it's beautiful. The water's very blue on the ocean holes. I mean, I've played golf like this kind of when we go to Cabo. I feel like Stanford Golf plays a lot of different styles of courses in different conditions, so definitely helped out here. Yeah, I enjoy my time here.

Q. Speaking of Stanford, your friend and roommate Carl, who won in Puerto Rico, he played good today, he shot 6 under this morning.

MICHAEL THORBJORNSSEN: Oh, great.

Q. I didn't know if you knew that.

MICHAEL THORBJORNSSEN: I did not, I haven't taken a look.

Q. How does it feel to have clipped him today and do you think you'll get a little note from him today?

MICHAEL THORBJORNSSEN: Yeah, I'll probably -- we'll probably talk later. We almost talk every single day. Yeah, no, that's good to hear. I saw he shot even yesterday, seemed like



he played well, couldn't really get the ball in the hole. Yeah, 6 under, that's good. I'll take my 9 over his 6.

Q. Did him winning Puerto Rico give you some inspiration at all?

MICHAEL THORBJORNSSEN: Oh, definitely. I spend almost every single day with him. We've been pushing each other for the past like decade and a half basically. I've known him for so long, he's one of my oldest friends, maybe my oldest friend.

Yeah, I mean, I don't think anyone -- other than himself, like I want him to do really well, but I also want to beat him. I think that's a great relationship that we have that we're going to push each other to be the best players that we possibly can be and also we do not want to get beat by the other guy. I feel like that's a great relationship to have.

Q. Something for all of us to look forward to in the future. Finally, how do you reset for the weekend and kind of try and propel yourself to that first victory?

MICHAEL THORBJORNSSEN: Yeah, just going to rest this afternoon, go to the gym, kind of just do what I did yesterday. I mean, I feel like I'm hitting the ball well. Just repeat, just keep doing it over and over again. We're going to wake up tomorrow, hopefully I have a late tee time and go out and battle.

Q. Has Lance been on the bag for you the entire season so far?

MICHAEL THORBJORNSSEN: This is week, maybe like week seven I want to say.

Q. So most of the season?

MICHAEL THORBJORNSSEN: Yeah. I'd say around -- around half, yeah, yeah. I mean, I've kind of dealt with a lot this season. I had mono for the first two, three months or however long mono stays in your system for, dealing with that, and then obviously your body gets stronger and you lose some weight, so kind of adjusting to that. Now I feel like I'm in a good place both physically and mentally. Yeah, I'm just honestly happy to be out here playing good golf.

