

**ROUND 2 QUICK QUOTES**  
**March 27, 2026**



**MICHAEL THORBJORSEN (-8)**

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**Q. Michael, how would you characterize the day today?**

**MICHAEL THORBJORSEN:** I don't know, it was just I guess solid overall. Pretty solid. I think I made one mistake kind of on hole 12, my third hole of the day. Hit a very idiotic chip that was just bad.

Other than that, I feel like it was pretty good. Stayed very patient out there. Missed a short one on my back side, but overall everything's feeling quite good.

**Q. With this being such a lengthy golf course, you obviously have plenty of length and the little bit of width in the fairways, do you think this course really does suit your eye and your game?**

**MICHAEL THORBJORSEN:** Yeah, I think so. I mean, the rough isn't very long out here, so it is kind of like a bomb and gouge in a way. Definitely being in the fairway's better than being in that first cut or that rough. More predictable coming into the greens.

Yeah, it's a very long course. I like hitting driver a lot, and then I feel like having a mid iron or not so long iron coming into some of these par 4s is definitely helpful.

**Q. Mike, are there any differences in your game between this time last year and now?**

**MICHAEL THORBJORSEN:** I'd say so. I kind of know more like what's needed from me out here on certain courses. I mean, all of last year or half of the year, it was my first time playing a lot of these courses. You don't really understand the flow of it or kind of how you want to plot your way around certain courses. I feel like after playing them, you understand what's needed more of you. Then yeah, I feel like just overall game is just a little bit better in every part of it, yeah.

**Q. Any differences in the golf course yesterday afternoon versus this morning?**

**MICHAEL THORBJORSEN:** Definitely a little softer, I want to say, just with the moisture on the greens. As for wind, it was blowing a little bit kind of on that front nine. Something you don't normally see is it being more windy in the mornings than it is in the afternoon. The wind kind of died down on that back nine there. I feel like it was pretty similar for the most part other than the green speeds.

**Q. You mentioned you drove the ball well. Is this one of those golf courses that if someone didn't drive the ball well, you can just forget about contending?**



**MICHAEL THORBJORNSEN:** I feel like that can be said about any week. I think out here maybe it's a little more of a premium if you can hit it far and straight. Yeah, the couple par 4s approaching 500 yards or just eclipsing them. Yeah, I think hitting it long and in the fairway out here is definitely going to help you move up that leaderboard.

**Q. A tough course to scramble on, do you think?**

**MICHAEL THORBJORNSEN:** At times it can be. I think if you miss it in correct spots, yes, it can be very tough to get balls up and down, but I feel like there are some areas where if you're just off the green, it's not too bad of a place to be. That's kind of how J.J. and I were approaching it a little bit. Obviously you want to hit your spot on the green, have a good look at birdie, but where are the other spots that it's honestly not too bad to kind of save your par.

**Q. Was there anything in that final round that you felt that maybe you hadn't felt before on a golf course, like a feeling or anything that you can maybe learn from and take kind of going forward when you're in contention?**

**MICHAEL THORBJORNSEN:** Not really, honestly. I felt a lot more comfortable than I thought I was going to feel.

I can't remember who I was talking to as well. I mean, when you're watching the players or say a major, as a kid and even in college, from the outside in it's like wow, like this is one of the biggest tournaments in the whole world, I've grown up watching this tournament, all the people, the galleries, the crowds shouting after a made putt or whatever it may be.

But I feel like when you're in it, it's a lot smaller than it really is. I mean, you're playing with the same guys, you're playing a golf course that you've seen before, that you've played before. I'm playing with Ludvig, who I've played with for years on years. I am mean, with all those people, too, they're like fillers in the background, like NPCs or whatever it may be.

Yeah, you definitely have some nerves on that first tee shot, but I feel like I settled in quite well, and then I mean obviously on hole 4 you make a big number, but I feel like that wasn't because of nerves or anything, it was just I need to get better at my wedges.

**Q. Do you also just feel more comfortable like from like, you know, maybe like middle of last year to now, not just like playing golf but also just everything that going on with being a professional golfer?**

**MICHAEL THORBJORNSEN:** Yeah, definitely. It takes some time to adjust to everything. It's not just you're playing a tougher course or playing against better players, it's everything. It's the travel, it's your routine, it's how early you have to wake up in the mornings sometimes, really worrying about sleep, energizing yourself out there and fueling yourself properly.



There's a lot of changes I've made in the past year, year and a half. I'm still making some changes and still learning new things that are hopefully helping me.

Yeah, we're just kind of taking it week by week and picking up on the things that I can that I'm learning and just hopefully week on and week on it just gets better and better.

