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With a famous name, Jordan draws interest

Estrella Mountain Community College's Jordan is a competitor in his own right.

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Michael Jordan gets more than a few second looks when he is announced at golf tournaments. With a name like Michael Jordan, he is bound to.



But the Estrella Mountain Community College sophomore golfer is too young to remember much about the more famous Michael Jordan, the former six-time NBA champion forward for the Chicago Bulls.

And, to be certain, this Michael Jordan was not named after that Michael Jordan. No, this Michael Jordan was named after his father, Michael Jordan, Sr.

That Michael Jordan was known as one of the fiercest competitors to ever step foot on a basketball court.

This Michael Jordan is a pretty fierce competitor in his own right, only on the golf course.

That is where the similarities begin and end.

And that is just fine with this Michael Jordan.

"It's interesting. I have a lot of people ask me about it all the time. He was a really good basketball player, so I get asked about it a lot," said Jordan, who teed off in the first group Tuesday in the NJCAA Division I Men's Golf National Championship at Spirit Hollow Golf Course. "That is something that really stands out and that's why a lot of people recognize me. I definitely have a lot of people ask me questions about it all the time. It used to bother me, but it doesn't bother me at all anymore. I'm kind of used to it now."

One thing this Jordan had trouble getting used to on Tuesday was the unusually cold, windy conditions. Jordan grew up in Phoenix, Ariz., where temperatures in the middle of winter seldom dip below 60 degrees and get as high as 130 in the summer.

That was a far cry from Tuesday's mid-50s with 25 miles-per-hour winds from the northwest creating wind chills in the low-40s.

For Jordan, this might as well have been the North Pole.

In fact, Jordan had to go out and buy a pair of rain gloves, the first pair he has owned in his life.

"We're used to having sunny weather every day with no rain or clouds. I couldn't handle this at all. It was difficult for me to adapt to these kinds of conditions," Jordan said. "I basically brought my whole golf wardrobe with me - two jackets and two sets of pants. That pretty much encompasses my wardrobe."

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That, in turn, made it difficult for Jordan to adjust his swing. The extra layer of clothing was encumbering and the gloves made it difficult to get a feel for his shots.

Thus, he struggled to an 18-over-par 90 and stands tied for 109th place after the first round.

"It's difficult because in Phoenix we spend so much time playing in golf shirts and shorts," Jordan said. "Hitting putts felt weird because I could feel my hands moving inside the gloves. And hitting shots is difficult because all the clothes really inhibit your swing."

That was in stark contrast to the weather Jordan encountered when he arrived on Sunday, when a humid day in the 80s gave way to powerful thunderstorms later that afternoon, which sent him scurrying for cover, even inside the hotel.

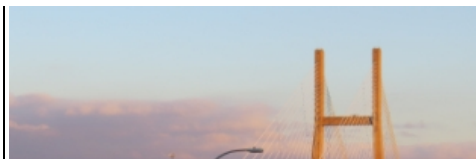
"I thought, 'Oh my gosh! I'm going to die!'" Jordan said. "I had never seen a storm that big before. Is all thunder that loud here? It's nothing like that in Phoenix. We never have storms that big. I really thought I was going to die."

But that is just fine with Jordan, who has bigger and better things in mind down the road.

"I plan to move on to Grand Canyon University next year and try to play my way on to the golf team," Jordan said. "I want to study health care administration. I want to be an administrator or director of a hospital some day."

This Michael Jordan plans to make a name for himself, distancing himself from that Michael Jordan.

"I was born right about the peak of his career, so I never really got too much out of it. I always wondered how many people have that name. I always thought it was a super uncommon name," this Michael Jordan said. "I think my Dad just wanted to have his first son named after him, so he stuck with it. I love my name. It's interesting."



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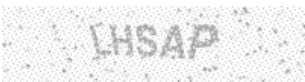


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