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2018 Champion's Corner

With 2017 and Three-Time Defending Champion, Nick Turczak



Nick, on behalf of the Endicott College Invitational, our valued sponsors and supporting fans, we are delighted to not only have you here for a pre-ECI interview, but also to have you back once again in arguably one of the best fields of amateur golf.

Your body of work and over the years has certainly paid off for you, and your seemingly flawless tournament last year was a thing of beauty. Can this dynasty march on?



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MZ: Congrats on Baby # 2 -- how has life been with the newest addition?

NT: Thank you, Ryan is doing well. As most you already know...sleep is a struggle with two young children & it's certainly no different for me. It can be overwhelming at times, but I'm just trying to take it day by day & focus on the good times we have as opposed to the times where I contemplate jumping out the window.

MZ: Have you played any golf? Is your oldest showing any interest in picking up a golf club?

NT: Got my 1st and only round in this past week @ the oh so exclusive & high-end Beverly Golf & Tennis. While my oldest watches golf with me on occasion he's yet to be given any clubs as he's most likely to just beat people with them. He's got some early basketball & soccer skills though to keep an eye on.

MZ: Question # 3 is for a three-peat discussion. Has this been on your mind? What new challenges can you expect?

NT: This current 3-peat has been an awesome & unexpected. The 1st was really a relief of sorts while the past 2 have been gravy on top. My expectations were low last year and they are low again this year, so who knows what will happen. I always hope to at least be competitive & give myself a chance to win, but it could certainly go the other way very quickly.

MZ: Another great field returns for 2018, but contenders such as Gill and McLear will not be around -- other than you, who is your favorite coming in?

NT: I consider Dailey the favorite. Guys like Gajda, Dargon & Tess are always capable of getting in a groove and putting up some low scores. Disappointing not to have Gill, McLear & Lawner in the field this year, but still lots of talent will be out there on the golf course this Saturday.

MZ: What most excites you about the ECI?

NT: It's always great to see everyone & catch up. It's become a holiday for me that I always look forward to and now it's a day for me to enjoy the sun & serenity the golf course brings while leaving the family at home for a day. The whole day is just a lot of fun whether winning or otherwise.



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MZ: If there are any side games going on in your foursome, will you participate or will you want to focus on what Nick is supposed to do?

NT: I've always been up for having fun out there; I don't take it too seriously. I'm sure a few beers will be consumed & if anyone wants to throw some cash (or footballs) around, I'm usually up for some action.

MZ: You got off to a bullish start in 2017, logging a few birdies. What's your game plan, knowing you have a huge target?

NT: Game plan won't change from previous years. Not sure I even have a target on my back, but if I do that's fine, too. Regardless, I hope to have some fun, avoid the big numbers, not injure myself & see what happens. I look forward to seeing everyone for the 16th ECI!