



## **Billy Joe's Narrative**

### **The Mike Cleary - Jordan Spieth connection**

Mike was Jordan's brother's freshman basketball summer league coach at Jesuit. (His brother is now playing basketball at Brown University).

The picture was taken when Jordan was invited to play in his first professional golf tournament as an amateur, The Byron Nelson, when Jordan was a high school junior and his brother was a freshman.

Mike and Jordan played in the Byron Nelson Pro Am together. Jordan finished in the top 20 in the tournament that year.

The cool thing about their relationship was how excited Mike was to play with Jordan at his first professional event, but when I ran into Jordan's father Shawn during the tournament, I asked him how Jordan was enjoying the experience. His dad said that everything was going great. People were nice, playing well, that on Wednesday in the Pro Am "...it was so cool that he got to play with Mike Cleary who was in the Dallas Jesuit Hall of Fame for basketball". I cracked up... Mike thought it was cool to be with Jordan, and Jordan thought it was cool to be with Mike!

Now Mike has the picture, and Jordan the "Green Jacket", and his Master's!

It's an exceptionally refreshing story about different perspectives of the same experience. Each thinking that it was special from their own individual points of view.

As commentator Paul Harvey used to say, "And now you know.....the rest of the story."