

**TOM LEHMAN (-10)**

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**Q. You had a hot start there with four birdies. Can you talk about the front nine a little bit?**

**TOM LEHMAN:** Yeah, I played -- the weather was beautiful to start, a little bit of breeze, not much, and played the first nine beautifully. I made, I guess, four birdies. Could have made a few more, hit some really good putts that didn't go in. But then the wind started kicking up and I made a few more birdies and got in a bogey-free round, which is one of those things that I'm most happy about. You typically can take a lot of momentum and a lot of good thoughts when you play bogey-free golf and today was one of those days.

**Q. Yeah. Are you a mental player, you know, so bogey kind of gets in your head a little bit?**

**TOM LEHMAN:** Oh, gosh, I don't know if I would say that. I know they make me mad. It's nice to finish rounds well when you start out in a good way. There's almost nothing worse than starting out hot and then fizzling and falling apart at the end. You just think about what could have been.

So it's nice for me today, for example, to start off so well. Then when the weather conditions got tougher, to continue to move forward to make some more birdie. I think I shot 3 under the back nine and kept it moving forward. And David Toms is making it look pretty easy right now.

**Q. Yeah, he is.**

**TOM LEHMAN:** He's kind of laughing at the rest of us, but there's always a chance.

**Q. You've had two second-place finishes here, so you obviously like the course. What is it about this place that you --**

**TOM LEHMAN:** I think everyone likes it, I think everyone likes it, but it's really a matter of whether the putts go in or not. With the wind blowing, it does create a bunch more challenges. As you've seen through the years, a lot of times it's simply a putting contest and whoever makes the most wins. When they start to drop and the confidence starts, so you are a little bit and you start feeling like you're going to make them all. Then you can shoot low scores and you have good tournaments. Other times you hit great putts and nothing goes in and you feel like you played well and you finished 20th. That's kind of the nature of the game here.

**Q. There was a group of people last night that heard you tell the story Monday.**

**TOM LEHMAN:** What's that?

**Q. The junior golf and your first tournament you won.**

**TOM LEHMAN:** Oh, well, no, I didn't win. I did win, you're right.

**Q. You told the story.**

**TOM LEHMAN:** The story that I told, yes.

**Q. So we were all rehashing that story last night.**

**TOM LEHMAN:** Oh, you were?

**Q. And it really made an impression with people. I mean, these were all good players that you told that story.**

**TOM LEHMAN:** The whole point is that golf can teach you so much, especially young players, junior golfers, they can take so much away from competition and from competing and by playing this individual game. It teaches self control and discipline and hard work, and it also teaches integrity and honesty and lessons you -- things that may happen to you when you're 12 and 13 years old you can take with you the rest of your life. That was kind of like what that story was all about.