

ROUND 1 INTERVIEW
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JEFF SLUMAN (-4)

Q. Great round for you today obviously. We've heard a lot about the greens. How are they working for you?

JEFF SLUMAN: Well, I fortunately hit the ball very well, so I had a lot of birdie putts and there wasn't a lot of stressful par putts, which is really the big thing. Greens are really fast, really firm, so very important to get the ball in the fairway where you can spin the ball enough to honestly keep them on the greens. You have to hit a heck of a shot if you're in the rough to probably get within 30 feet.

Q. Opened with a couple birdies. Did that help you kind of get momentum?

JEFF SLUMAN: Yeah, I played the par-3s particularly well today. I made three 2s out there, which is a real bonus. You don't expect that anytime. Maybe the Legends you like it since it's a par-3 course we play. But that really was the key to my round. I made one bogey, five birdies and just played a really solid round of golf.

Q. In contention now headed into the weekend. Has your mindset changed maybe from today?

JEFF SLUMAN: You know, it's kind of one of those things, I honestly haven't played that well lately. I wouldn't say struggled, but I've been working on a lot of things and they seem to be coming together. Just going to continue down that path of what I'm working on, what I did in the offseason, and you have to take it from the range and practice rounds onto the golf course, which I did today and I'll plan to do it tomorrow.

Q. You've done well here in the past. Is there any familiarity with this course that helps you out at all?

JEFF SLUMAN: Well, great question. Yes, I know how difficult the golf course can be and it is very difficult this year, particularly the green speeds and that. So I'm very respectful of not trying to do too much, really just trying to get the ball down in the fairway where you can have a chance to maybe get it inside 20 feet.