



**INTERVIEW TRANSCRIPT: JEFF SLUMAN**  
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**MODERATOR:** Jeff Sluman also birdies four of his last five holes to get in at 5-under with 67. Jeff, top 10s the last two years here at this event, a few thoughts about coming back to Seattle and go over your round.

**JEFF SLUMAN:** Well, you should have me come more often because every time I've come, the weather's been like this. I keep hearing it's usually not like this. Spectacular city, great crowds, loved seeing that 787 fly over today. It was very, very -- it's just great for Boeing, great for the city, you know? I follow that industry and that plane means a lot to me, this area, so glad to see that up and flying.

The golf course played really very difficult today, as difficult as I've seen. The greens were very firm. They had a lot of pins in tough spots that if you got a little too aggressive, you were going to -- unless you hit a perfect shot, you were going to really pay and have very difficult up-and-downs. I think that's probably very similar to what Russ said and it's reflective on the leaderboard. I forgot who said it, but this is the highest scoring round in the tournament's history. You get the old memories in your brain and you say, Well, I can go at this pin, I can hit it here, and the ball's one-bouncing over the green. That's not a bad thing, it's just different and we have to adjust.

**MODERATOR:** Do you want to us take us through your round if you could?

**JEFF SLUMAN:** Yeah. I got off to a nice start, I hit driver, 3-iron on the green on 1 and two-putted for birdie.

**Q. How far?**

**JEFF SLUMAN:** Probably 35 feet for eagle. 2, a nice drive down there and a wedge in to two feet. The fourth hole, instant replay from yesterday's pro am round. I carried the bunker but it hit the lip and rolled back in, I couldn't get to the green, just pitched it out and the pin was seven on, so I really didn't have much of an opportunity to get it close, so I just made a nice 5, the kind of 5 Phil would have made there

probably.

Had a nice drive and 6-iron on the next hole to -- and got that to hold the green a little bit and I had about 12 feet underneath the hole, so I made that. Then 7, I hit it in the bunker off the tee, which -- the fairway bunker, which was a terrible mistake. Once again, pitched it out, tough pin, I made 5 there. Then I was just kind of moseying along, nothing really happening, was hitting a bunch of good shots, just missing birdie putts and watching Hale hit good shot after good shot and watched his ace on 9. Boy, did he play well today. He shot 4-under and he really could have shot 6 or 7 pretty easy. I got on 14 and didn't go for the green, none of us did just because it was so firm. If you got it on, it's going over. You can't get it up and down from there, so I pitched it in there three feet, made birdie there. Then I made a bomb on 15, I drove it in the bunker there off the tee. Anyways, had a 9-iron in. The pin was on the right kind of middle shelf and I hit it down on the swale, probably had 35 feet to make that, quite a surprise. I get up on 16, I hit as good a shot as I could possibly hit, up in the air with a 5-iron, not drawing or anything, just perfect. It landed one yard on the green and went to the -- basically the back edge to 30 feet there. We all kind of looked at each other and said, I don't know how you're going to get the ball close there, and I made that putt. 18, like Russ said, I drove it in the bunker, pitched it out and I had a 60-degree wedge that apparently must have been pretty close to spinning back in because the crowd kind of got up on their feet, spun it back to about eight feet and coaxed that one in. It was a really nice finish.

Really, I wasn't thinking of shooting 67 standing on the 14th tee box, that's for sure, but you never know when you're going to make some birdies. It happened quickly and I was glad it happened.

**MODERATOR:** Okay. Let's go to questions here.

**Q. With playing so well, does that help the other guys in the group? Does everybody kind of feed off that?**

**JEFF SLUMAN:** Yeah, I think so, it usually does, and it can go the other way. I played with Hale in Minnesota, he played great there. He's hitting every iron right down the pin and he just played terrific there and he's continuing to do it and it shouldn't be any surprise. That's why he's got that little emblem by his name with the Hall of Fame on it.

**Q. So you wouldn't be surprised if he won again?**

**JEFF SLUMAN:** Absolutely not.

**Q. How long do you think it took for you to get used to how firm it was out there?**

**JEFF SLUMAN:** About 18 holes. You've got these memories of the golf course and the ball hitting in there and either spinning or kind of staying, and it was just -- it turned really firm overnight. Like I said, it's not a bad thing, it's just something we have to adjust to. I hope they don't go out and overreact and pour a ton of water on them. Just keep them firm, that's okay. We do have our name on our bags and we're supposed to be able to adjust, you know? Watch Hale hit his beautiful irons in there, nice high cuts, that's what you need to do to get the ball close out there.

**MODERATOR:** Thank you. Continued good luck.

**JEFF SLUMAN:** Thanks.