



INTERVIEW TRANSCRIPT: JEFF SLUMAN
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MODERATOR: Jeff, thanks for joining us. 2-under today, 7-under, tied for first. Maybe just a quick rundown on your day and then we'll get some questions.

JEFF SLUMAN: Well, golf course played as difficult as it did yesterday. They certainly didn't put any water on the greens that I spoke about yesterday and that's okay. But it was just, you know, just another challenging day out there and obviously the scores indicated that and I look forward to teeing it up tomorrow. I'm apparently not in the last group, so I'll be playing with Lu and Bob Gilder, but that's all good. It should be a perfect day and hopefully a great shootout for everybody involved.

MODERATOR: Birdies start at number 1.

JEFF SLUMAN: Number 1, played very similar yesterday, had a good drive and 4-iron on the green and then two putt for birdie. Bogeeyed 2, hit in the right bunker, I missed the fairway and I hit a good bunker shot, it almost went in, went about four feet by and I missed that. Next birdie was --

MODERATOR: You had the eagle.

JEFF SLUMAN: Eagle, hit it down the middle and 5-iron in and frankly hit it a little fat. It wasn't a great shot, but I got it on the right line. It wasn't horrible, wasn't laying the sod over it, but rolled up there about four, five feet and I make that. Then follow that with bogey on 9, missed the green just a little left and, you know, the rough's thick and it's difficult to chip from. I just kind of wanted to flop it out of there and at the last second sometimes you think, I don't want to leave it in there and I hit it just a hair hard about 12-foot long and I missed that. I made a bunch of pars until 15, I hit a real good drive finally on that hole. Pin was on the back left and I wasn't trying to get the ball over there but I hit my 17-degree just in between the two bunkers way on the left side and made a nice pitch to about six feet and made birdie there. Then 16, the three of us hit what I thought were going to be very close shots to the pin from the fairway on 16 and we walked up and the firmness of the greens, not one of us was actually on the green, we were all on the back fringe. I got a good look off of Hale's putt and I go ahead and make that.

MODERATOR: How far?

JEFF SLUMAN: That was probably 25 feet. On 17 I made -- I hit it on -- it would have been a pretty good shot for tomorrow's pin but unfortunately it was today's pin and I had a pretty difficult pitch and I really hit a beautiful pitch in there about three feet and obviously misread the putt and didn't hit it hard enough. So I think you do both of those, you're probably not going to like the result, so I make bogey there. And then on 18 I hit a good second shot and I thought if I missed it, I wanted to miss it in the left bunker, which is where I did. Russ and I were both in the bunker and we didn't hit very good bunker shots out of there. Bunkers are firm and that and I guess that's all I can say. I hit a very mediocre bunker shot and two putt for par.

MODERATOR: Okay. Any questions?

Q. How neat is it to have four players (inaudible)?

JEFF SLUMAN: It doesn't really happen that often. You look back and -- did they have a huge playoff here a couple years ago?

Q. Seven man.

JEFF SLUMAN: Seven man? Four seems like nothing, doesn't it? I must have missed that one, being 48 or 49 at that time, but I think it's obviously great for the tournament. I don't know how many guys are at 6 or 5. There's a lot of guys in this tournament that have -- probably all the way down to probably 2- or 3-under that have a real good chance to win the golf tournament and I think that's great. I mean would I like to be 14 and everybody else at 7? Yeah, but absent that, it should be a real good day. The weather's supposed to be the same, so hopefully everybody will come out and -- come out swinging and we'll see what happens.