



**INTERVIEW TRANSCRIPT: TOM LEHMAN**

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**MODERATOR:** Tom, appreciate your coming in. 69 today, 12-under for the tournament. Maybe just talk about your day. It looked like everything was going smoothly until maybe those last few holes. Maybe you could kind of take us through that stretch there, 13 on.

**TOM LEHMAN:** Yeah, you know what, just a little bit off all day today. I didn't play badly, I didn't play great. With the conditions the way they were, being a little bit off was enough. It was like playing in a U.S. Open with the firmness of the greens and the speed of the greens, the rough and the wind and how fast the fairways were. I three-putted 13. Bad mistake. I drove it in the rough, though. I hit it 45 feet from the hole. And then over the green on 14, misjudged the wind.

Then figured I needed to make some birdies coming in, I made three, but in between on 16 I missed another three-footer. I'm not sure if the wind gusted and blew me a little bit. I think I just pushed a three-footer and it lipped out.

In a nutshell, it was too many mistakes. You've got to give it all to Joe Daley for hanging in there and being tough on a tough day to play. It was not an easy day to play golf and he persevered and won the tournament and I'm very happy for him.

**MODERATOR:** Get your birdies on 15, 17 and 18.

**TOM LEHMAN:** On 15, it was about a 15-footer, I used a lob wedge. 17, I hit actually a pretty lousy 3-iron, but it was bad enough where it ran through the hollow and up there about 45 feet and I made that putt. I knew I need to make a putt, so felt good about that.

Then 18, crushed a drive, had a 4-iron, thought it would get a bounce but it didn't. Just off the front edge, hit a beautiful 50-foot putt. A little less speed, it might have even gone in. Went about two and a half feet and I tapped in for birdie.

**MODERATOR:** Your other bogey at 8.

**TOM LEHMAN:** 8, I killed a drive there and had 120 yards to the pin, a little downwind; really kind of a tough yardage for me. I tried to hit a really easy wedge and pulled it and

it went through the green and it didn't get up and down. Once again, it was a bad mistake.

I had a bunch of in-between yardages today. Typically I'm pretty good at that shot. Typically I'm really good at choking it down and hitting it smooth, and today I had in-between about three or four times and every time I hit a poor shot.

**MODERATOR:** You probably know Joe. How well do you know him?

**TOM LEHMAN:** I don't know him that well, but I know him enough to know he's a hard worker, he's committed, he's very committed and willing to pay the price. So I'm really happy for him that not only to get a win but to get such a big win and with everything that comes with it. He'll be in next year's PLAYERS CHAMPIONSHIP, a major championship, the exemption for a couple years, Hualalai for five, all the stuff that goes with it. I look at a guy like him and I say "well deserved."

**Q. On 18 I'm sure you knew you probably needed to make eagle, you knew the situation and all that?**

**TOM LEHMAN:** Yeah, I thought I hit a beautiful second, 4-iron out to the right, a little bit of draw. I expected it to land on the edge of the green and kick it forward and left and maybe catch that slope and get down. It landed short on the up-slope, and those fringes, if you can call them that, were soft all week long and just didn't get a bounce. So even with that, you know, miracles do happen and I hit a really good putt. I'm thinking maybe I'll get lucky and make a long one. Did not, but still made birdie.

**Q. How long was that 4-iron?**

**TOM LEHMAN:** I think I had 213 or 215 to the front edge. It's one of those things where a 3-iron for sure was going to land the green but the shape, trajectory was going to take it through the green, guaranteed. So the only way to get it in there close was to hit a 4-iron, hit high and land on the front part. When you hit a shot 212 yards or 210 yards in the air almost on your exact line with the right trajectory and it just doesn't quite go far enough, you can't feel too lousy about it. It requires some perfection.

**Q. The course, it's classic old-style, it gave up some low scores every day and yet the scoring wasn't super low considering guys were shooting 62 and 63 in the wind. Looking back at this course for the week, what are your thoughts on how it held up and is it senior major worthy?**

**TOM LEHMAN:** Well, I think it was fun to play. It definitely held up. The wind kind of dried it out today and made it much more difficult. I think it just has a good balance of holes. I really liked the way it flows, I like the different shots you have to hit. You have to hit good short irons. It's not super long, but you have to hit good short irons to get it close and if you don't you have a really difficult putt, which I think is exactly as it should

be. So the course in my book is incredibly fair, very fun, and one of the best we've played my whole entire time on the Champions Tour.

**Q. What are you thoughts on 17?**

**TOM LEHMAN:** Well, you know, seemingly every Raynor or McDonald course has a (indiscernible) green and that one is no different than any others. Very deep bunkers. I've played some where they aren't quite so penal. This one's very penal. If you miss the green, boy, you're hurting, tough to make par.

**MODERATOR:** Thanks Tom.

**TOM LEHMAN:** Thank you very much.