



## **FINAL ROUND INTERVIEW TRANSCRIPT: CHARLEY HOFFMAN**

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**Q. Disappointed you came up one short?**

**CHARLEY HOFFMAN:** I mean, who knows at the end if it's going to be one short or not. Played an unbelievable front nine, had a hole-in-one on 3 which sort of got the -- everything going. Just I played a bunch of good par saves on the back nine, didn't give myself a lot of opportunity on the back nine, and when it's said and done, even par on the back nine. Obviously would I love to have gone and shoot a couple under par, yeah, but didn't really give myself the opportunities like I did on the front and pretty happy with my round.

**Q. Tell me about the hole-in-one.**

**CHARLEY HOFFMAN:** Yeah, it was just a hard pitching wedge. Actually the fog was rolling in it went up and couldn't see it in the air, knew it was a good line, knew it was hit solid, and it landed just beyond the pin and spun in the hole. So it was a nice feeling.

**Q. So looking ahead to next week, there are a couple things, obviously 16, what do you think of how things work out there with the crazy crowd?**

**CHARLEY HOFFMAN:** I think it's unbelievable. I don't think we would want to do it every single week, but what Waste Management does and the Thunderbirds brings an aspect to golf that maybe the fan would never see before and I think they do a great job integrating their sustainability there in Phoenix and 16 is a great marketplace for Waste Management.

**Q. A fantastic round, more importantly a fantastic front nine. Do you want to talk me through how an ace can kind of get you going?**

**CHARLEY HOFFMAN:** Yeah, obviously yesterday I didn't play very well. Parred the first couple holes and then had a wedge in on 3, 125 yards or something like that, and it happened to go up in the clouds and come down just behind the hole and spin in there. So that was a jump start to the round. Then I birdied 5 and 6 and then I had one on 9 and a little hiccup on 10, but the front nine is what I dreamed of to try to win this golf tournament, I just didn't get it done coming down the back nine.

**Q. How fun is it though to play in front of a home crowd? I didn't even have to turn around, I knew you were coming this way because people just start cheering your name. It has to feel good to play in front of a home crowd?**

**CHARLEY HOFFMAN:** Yeah, yesterday I didn't know I was in front of a home crowd, didn't make any birdies, didn't hear any cheering. But today was nice. The front nine I got the crowd behind me, got adrenaline going. Wish I could have made a couple more coming down the stretch, but all in all a good tournament in San Diego.

**Q. I have to assume this is great momentum for you heading into to Waste Management Phoenix Open, you're obviously a Waste Management guy. How much are you looking forward to rolling this into next week?**

**CHARLEY HOFFMAN:** Yeah, you know, Humana Top 10, hopefully here a Top 10 and hopefully knock off a W at the Waste Management. I lost in a playoff a few years back to Kenny Perry, so I have good feelings on that golf course and hopefully I can make it happen.

**Q. How did the course play today compared to yesterday?**

**CHARLEY HOFFMAN:** Softer. I don't know if they watered or just overcast this morning did it. The course was much more receptive today. Actually in the fairway I picked up some mud on my ball, which was a big surprise. Definitely if you're in the fairway you can hold the green a lot easier than you could the first few days.

**Q. (Inaudible)**

**CHARLEY HOFFMAN:** Coming off two pars, moved the tee up front left and it was only a good hard pitching wedge for me and hit a solid shot. Actually when I was playing the fog was rolling in, so it actually went up in the fog, couldn't see it, knew it was on a good line, landed about three feet behind the hole and spun in. Obviously a great feeling, something I needed to get my round going and have a chance to win. Everything changed from there on out, I was trying to win the golf tournament after that shot. Gave it a good run, just didn't have it coming down the back nine.

**Q. (Inaudible)**

**CHARLEY HOFFMAN:** Yeah, I saw Choi finished at 8-under, I saw that on I think 17 green, so I knew I needed two on 17, 18. Gave it a good run on 17 and a good try, gave it a run on 18, too. Pretty happy. Actually hit a good shot on 16, just sort of downhill to the green. So I gave myself some opportunities in the last three holes, converted one of them and pretty happy about it.

**Q. What changed on the back nine for you?**

**CHARLEY HOFFMAN:** I played all right, just hit a couple drives offline, missed a short putt on 10 for par unfortunately and just -- 13, didn't hit it in the fairway, 14, didn't hit it in the fairway, so I sort of scrambled a little bit. Hit a decent shot on 15 and came up a bit short, and 16 hit a good iron shot and just bounced over the green.

The greens were -- some were receptive, some were a little firmer, just hard to get the feel on them on that back nine. So, I mean, all in all I was hitting it where I was looking and I gave myself a few opportunities and made a bunch of good par saves to give myself a decent tournament.

**Q. You've been searching for that great round seems like all tournament. Was this basically what you were looking for?**

**CHARLEY HOFFMAN:** Yeah, you know, today was great. I made the putts for par I needed to and I made a few birdie putts and made a hole-in-one, so in front of the hometown crowd it's nice to give them a little bit of show.

**Q. (Inaudible)**

**CHARLEY HOFFMAN:** Yeah, obviously I would love being a few groups later and have a chance to win this golf tournament, but starting in the mid 20s where I started and have a legitimate chance coming down the back nine, it was a good feeling. That's what I play golf for and it's fun to do.

**Q. Is it extra meaningful to do it here?**

**CHARLEY HOFFMAN:** Yeah, you know, when it's said and done, once the juices get going it doesn't really matter if it's here or somewhere else, but it's nice to have the hometown crowd behind you, for sure, but your focus goes to the golf tournament.

**Q. You can hear that?**

**CHARLEY HOFFMAN:** Oh, one hundred percent, I have a bunch of friends and family from high school and it was fun, fun being out here.

**Q. When was your last hole-in-one?**

**CHARLEY HOFFMAN:** First one on the PGA TOUR. I had one during a practice round at the Hope last year was probably my last one.