

**ROUND 1 INTERVIEW: JEFF COSTON**  
**Friday, June 5, 2015**



**DAVE SENKO:** Well, Jeff, good start, 5-under 67, including you rebounded from that bogey at No. 1.

**JEFF COSTON:** Yeah.

**DAVE SENKO:** Just how things went today.

**JEFF COSTON:** Yeah, you know, I hit a great shot into No. 1, right? My second shot might have been one of the better shots I've hit all day, but sometimes things work out and sometimes they don't. But I really enjoyed -- I've always enjoyed the Midwest, I enjoy this golf course, I enjoy the people honestly. I'm staying with a family that are members here and, like I was just saying earlier, I feel like I've made some friends, so it's been nice.

**DAVE SENKO:** What happened on 1 after your tee ball?

**JEFF COSTON:** Yeah, I hit a tee shot in the fairway, hit a nice 4-iron in there and it just kind of went through the green a little bit. Didn't hit the best chip of my career, best pitch of my career, but hit a lot of nice shots today and made some putts.

**DAVE SENKO:** Birdie at 4, what was your shot sequence there?

**JEFF COSTON:** I'm trying to remember No. 4. I don't know.

**Q. You hit a great drive and you hit -- remember, that's the one where you hit it up the hill, you hit driver instead of 3-wood?**

**JEFF COSTON:** I don't remember, but that's good I don't remember because I was in the moment.

**DAVE SENKO:** How far was your putt on 4?

**JEFF COSTON:** Oh, 20 feet. I made every 20-footer I looked at today.

**DAVE SENKO:** Birdie at the par 5, No. 8?

**JEFF COSTON:** No. 8 I'm trying to think of the holes. Oh, yeah, I hit a nice drive, nice fairway metal, nice pitch, nice putt. Nice.

**DAVE SENKO:** How far?

**JEFF COSTON:** How far? Five feet, four feet.

**DAVE SENKO:** And then back-to-back 10 and 11?

**JEFF COSTON:** 10 and 11. Hit the best drive of my career, tied for the best drive of my career on 10. And No. 11, you know, that is a unique hole and so I hit a unique second shot that turned out very nice.

**DAVE SENKO:** What did you hit?

**JEFF COSTON:** For my second shot? A 9-iron, but don't tell anyone.

**DAVE SENKO:** How far?

**JEFF COSTON:** Maybe six feet.

**DAVE SENKO:** And then 15, par 5?

**JEFF COSTON:** 15, par 5, yeah, I made about a 20-footer. That seems to be my number.

**DAVE SENKO:** And then on 17, the par 3, what did you hit there?

**JEFF COSTON:** I hit the purest 8-iron you'll ever see in your life.

**DAVE SENKO:** How close did you get it?

**JEFF COSTON:** One inch. No, I'm just kidding. It was about 12 feet.

**Q. You got here the hard way through qualifying. When you get through that way, do you feel like, I mean, there's a lot of pressure to stay out here or is it just you overcame the odds to even get here to enjoy it? What's your mindset?**

**JEFF COSTON:** That's a really nice question, that's a good question. I think you go through all those things. I think that it's a complex web because you want to stay out here but you know if you think that way, you won't. So I think that my goal is to enjoy every step. Sometimes that's easy and sometimes that's not easy, but I think it's a choice at times, right? It's a heck of a lot easier when you play well, but when you're being challenged and stuff, it's harder. So making those choices and the right choices hopefully produce good fruit.

**Q. This is an old-style golf course, maybe a little bit quirky to some, some of the bounces you get off the fairways. How do you manage your way around it? Do you have to do anything different than other courses you play?**

**JEFF COSTON:** Well, I think that your awareness that those kind of things can happen is important and being patient is important. Enjoy it, like we talked about, the journey, taking

advantage of opportunities. Then just trying to do, like any athletic endeavor, taking advantage of opportunities and trying to eliminate mistakes, then go for it, right?

**Q. You said on 11 you hit at 9-iron but don't tell anybody. Did you knock down a --**

**JEFF COSTON:** I did not hit a great tee shot, but that ball could bounce any which way and I got a good bounce on my second shot there.

**Q. I guess that's local knowledge, you've got to play that hole a while to get a feel for the way the ball's going to bounce because it's a goofy blind shot.**

**JEFF COSTON:** Yeah, I think all of us, we have miles on us but they're highway miles and we change our oil regularly, so we play a lot of golf. It's not that hard to do, you know what I mean? You can't control which way it bounces but if you play a nice, smart shot, hit it where you want, good things take place.

**Q. When you get out there on a day like today when there's no wind to speak of, does it make you think, man, I've got to do something with this, the opportunity's there, I really have to have a good number?**

**JEFF COSTON:** I haven't thought about that. I've thought about a lot of things, some have been right and some have been wrong, so I'm just trying to put in the computer the things that need to be there and try to restart.

**DAVE SENKO:** Thanks, Jeff.

**JEFF COSTON:** Thank you very much.