**ROUND 3 INTERVIEW: JEFF SLUMAN** 

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Q. It's been a long time since we've seen a golf course this hard on PGA TOUR Champions. After three rounds, how hard is it out there?

**JEFF SLUMAN:** It's extremely challenging, to say the least. Wind came out of a little different direction. It was northwest the first two days, today southwest. Just a very, it's a big challenge. I think everybody's been saying that there isn't a hole out there that you can't bogey. There's a lot of golf courses that it's hard to make a few bogeys on par 4s or 5s or something like that, but here, any hole out there can jump up and bite you.

Q. We've seen it throughout the day, 16, 17, 18, obviously disappointing bogey for you on 18 but that's a brutal closing stretch coming in, isn't it?

**JEFF SLUMAN:** Yeah, I played them very well. I had a decent -- two real good chances for birdie on 16 and 17, and 18 I have yet to par. Hit a beautiful second shot in there and it was just over the green and I kind of putted with my hybrid and it went eight foot by and I left it 1/32 of an inch short. It didn't need to travel more than one dimple and it goes right in the center of the hole, but obviously I did leave it short. Pretty disappointing finish frankly, but I've got to forget about it and tomorrow starts another day.

Q. Right now you're 3 back of Bernhard, he's 1 under with a few holes to play. How important would it be to get in that final pairing tomorrow to be alongside him with him being such a good front runner?

**JEFF SLUMAN:** I don't think it really matters. Sometimes it's better to be one group ahead of him and post a good score. But I can't control that right now. I'm going to go out and practice a little and get a good dinner and good night's rest and come out tomorrow and kind of just do what I've been doing. I have intuitively a pretty good feel for this golf course. There's a couple holes that have given me a little bit of a problem, 18 and 10, but besides that I felt very comfortable on what I have to do and executing it from there.

Q. We spoke earlier this week about the kind of traditional layout of this golf course, reminds you probably of some of the better clubs you play back home in Chicago. Do you think that's part of the foundation for your comfort level out there?

**JEFF SLUMAN:** Yeah, I just seem to like the classic look golf courses throughout the course of my tour history for the last 35 years. The birdie-fest, typically I've done okay on the rare occasion, but the golf courses that you have to produce a lot of quality shots and move the ball left and right, high and low are the golf courses I seem to have liked throughout my career and this is definitely one of them.