ROUND 2 INTERVIEW: TOM LEHMAN (-8)

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## Q. This place owes you one, a lot of top-10s here?

**TOM LEHMAN:** I've played well here. I do like the course. It's a good course for me. I think it's a good course for people who drive the ball well and who tee to green are solid and can manage their putting. So it kind of plays into my game typically. Today was a windy day, but the course played very fairly and they prepared it just right. They softened up the course a little bit, they softened the greens a little bit. They weren't overly fast. The wind is very manageable.

Q. For you, what's it like -- we saw you exchange a high-five there with your daughter. What's it like having her on your bag and go through these experiences with her there?

**TOM LEHMAN:** Well, she just got married so I know they need the money, so the pressure is on me to play well. She's always been a bit of a daddy's girl and we have fun. She has a really bright, sunshiny disposition, always positive, always thinking the best, really fun to be around. So to me, to have her out there, she's always, "That's okay, dad, you can do this. It's not a big deal for you, dad, you've got it." That kind of attitude is good.

Q. Which daughter is this?

**TOM LEHMAN:** This is Rachael, my oldest.

Q. What's it going to take to have a repeat performance tomorrow and come away with the championship?

**TOM LEHMAN:** Obviously more good golf. We still have a lot of golf to play. The back nine, there's a couple of tough shots. I think somebody's going to get in the house at 9 or 10-under, I think. I still think it's going to be one of those 14, 15-under weeks.

Q. How good, when you talk about other courses, you had a good round yesterday, (inaudible)?

**TOM LEHMAN:** Yeah, I didn't play nearly as well. I played much, much, much better today. Yesterday was a lot of bad shots, a lot of just scraping it around. It seemed to me that a lot of the most scorable holes, I had the wind benefiting me today. At least not hurting. A lot of wind was across on some of the tougher ones where it wasn't so long. A couple tough shots. 14's a real hard shot. But other than that, I thought it was manageable.

Q. What did that birdie on 18 do for you confidence-wise heading into tomorrow?

**TOM LEHMAN:** It's just one more good putt that I hit. I hit a lot of really good putts. Typically if you're hitting your line, it tends to build confidence. It's when you start missing your line consistently where you start to lose it. I've been hitting my line. The ones I missed, I either missed right or the speed was off.

## Q. Did you play here in college?

**TOM LEHMAN:** I did, yeah. A couple times, a couple times, we played out at Des Moines Country Club, I think, twice. And then I think once in the Drake tournament here. And I played well then, too. As I say, it's a real good course for someone who drives the ball well because you put it in play off the tee, you can usually attack this course.

Q. The wind requires your focus, but if it's coming from the same direction and about the same speed as gusty as it's going to be tomorrow as it was today, is there a mindset of you'll be used to what you're looking for?

**TOM LEHMAN:** Yes, yes. The most difficult thing I think in golf is when you have a wind blowing every day until Sunday and then it switches, then you're playing a totally different golf course. If the wind blows the same direction, you learn how to play that wind and you know which holes are going to be easier, tougher, what shots are the most difficult and you can manage.

## Q. What do you think of this Midwest hospitality?

**TOM LEHMAN:** Well, I'm from the Midwest so I'm not surprised. The PGA TOUR Champions really belongs in cities like Des Moines and Omaha, Boise, Idaho. We don't play in Boise, but it would be great. Just these big cities that are major areas, but it's not Los Angeles, it's not Atlanta, it's not Chicago. And the people support the tournament. They come out and make us feel so good and raise a lot of money for local charities, so I think it's really a win for the PGA TOUR Champions and a win for Des Moines.