

**ROUND 2 INTERVIEW**  
**July 19, 2019**



**JIM HERMAN (-14)**

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**Q. Jim, another good day. If we can get some comments on your play.**

**JIM HERMAN:** Yeah, everything seems to be working this week. Nice change-up. I haven't been playing very well or had the best results lately. Yeah, just some good play. A lot of greens. Just made some putting changes this past week and they're paying off, rolling the ball great. Hitting a lot of greens and making some putts and that's always a good combination.

**Q. Anything specifically that you've changed putting?**

**JIM HERMAN:** Grip and style of putter, so pretty much everything. Just very conventional grip and a very conventional head. Got some advice from someone that is pretty high up and he gave me a good talking to and told me to use a different style if it's not working. So that was a couple weeks ago and I finally put it into play. It was the president of the United States. I was lucky enough to play with him. He gave me a little quick tip and get some conventional putting going and see what happens.

**Q. Put him on the payroll?**

**JIM HERMAN:** I might have to. Some grade advice, so I appreciate it. Seems like I played pretty well after I played with him. I played with him the week before I won Houston, so maybe that's a sign to come hopefully.

**Q. Talk about the conditions out there today, hot and humid.**

**JIM HERMAN:** Yeah, nice to get out in the morning. Yesterday was hot in the afternoon, but I'm sure it's going to be much more humid and the temperature's going to be up there today. So I feel for the guys out there, but it will be nice sitting inside enjoying the air conditioning.

**Q. How do you sort of just control that, being out there in conditions like that?**

**JIM HERMAN:** Well, you've just got to keep the gloves dry, keep the hands dry. Just know that everyone's playing through it. Just try to keep things dry. I've got an extra towel and know everyone's doing it, just accept it.

**Q. When and where did you play with the president?**

**JIM HERMAN:** New Jersey, Bedminister, a couple weeks ago.

**Q. Where you used to --**

**JIM HERMAN:** Yeah, I was an assistant there, so fortunate enough to get a call a few weeks ago to play with him. And he always has some good advice for me, so that was one of them. I didn't put it in right away last week at John Deere, but I hit it really well last week and I putted pretty terribly, so, you know, what else do I have to lose? End of the season, I've got nowhere to go but up.

**Q. How different -- you say more conventional grip. Were you using the claw before?**

**JIM HERMAN:** Well, I have used the claw in the past. I think I've had them all. It's as conventional a grip as you can have with just a standard -- got a great Bettinardi putter, BB1, I believe it is. Just a standard putter. Maybe I just -- maybe it's rolling it where I'm looking and I wasn't doing that in the last few weeks.

**Q. How do you explain on tour guys missed cuts, missed cuts, then boom, all of a sudden, everything comes together. It's kind of remarkable.**

**JIM HERMAN:** It's just a confidence thing. Bad results lead to more bad results, so you've got to break that spell. Seeing some putts go in early in a round on Thursday definitely helps. You know, I tried as best I could this week to set my sights high. I knew everyone's going to be going pretty low. I've been always around the cut line the last -- seems like the last year and just fighting for cuts. You know, missing out by a shot here or there. Had a goal of 15 under, so I just missed it. Reset and see what we can do on the weekend.

**Q. So talk about the excitement level heading into the weekend.**

**JIM HERMAN:** Yeah, I haven't been in this spot in a while. I know I can do it. I've won, been in the hunt a couple times as well. Yeah, it's just nice to be playing the weekend, having a chance. It's not a lot of fun when you're missing cuts and going week to week on a negative vibe. So a lot of positive energy going forward and just kind of keep going.

**Q. How many tournaments have you played with this new putting style?**

**JIM HERMAN:** This is week one, week one.

**Q. Are you surprised that it happened so quickly?**

**JIM HERMAN:** No. I had nothing else to lose. I had to change something up. That was his main advice: If it's not working, change it. Put a lot of time in on the putting green this last week with the new style and new grip. It's just rolling the ball nicely. No three-putts, pretty high in strokes gained putting, so going to stick with it.

**Q. Do you still use like presidential markers?**

**JIM HERMAN:** Sure, yeah. We're using Lincoln. I think President Lincoln was born in Kentucky, I believe. That's what my Twitter -- my good friend Steve Weider, he's the presidential ball marker man.

**Q. Do you have it?**

**JIM HERMAN:** I put it away already.

**Q. Did you use Lincoln yesterday?**

**JIM HERMAN:** Yeah, yeah. We'll stick with him.

**Q. He was from Kentucky.**

**JIM HERMAN:** So that's it. Yeah, that was his advice. He was born in Kentucky, I believe, or from Kentucky, so we'll stick with him.