

ROUND 3 INTERVIEW
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JIM HERMAN

Q. Incredible round for you today.

JIM HERMAN: Yeah.

Q. Can you just talk about it for a bit?

JIM HERMAN: Yeah. I thought the last two days were good, but improved on it. You just know that you got to go low. Kelly played great, shot 61 for him, I shot 62. So, no lead is safe, so you got to keep the pedal down and see how many birdies you can make, so --

Q. What is it about that course that's suiting your game?

JIM HERMAN: It's hard to say. I'm just driving the ball well. Have had a really good iron game the last three days. And I'm rolling the ball really well. So, any time you can have those three, you're going to be in good shape, so it's a great place. I guess the tee shots line up for me, and I'm reading the greens really well.

Q. How does it feel to be atop that leaderboard and looking for tomorrow?

JIM HERMAN: Yeah, it feels good. I haven't been there in a long time, so it's been a couple years. So, really looking forward to -- it's been nice getting back into contention. And yeah, I'm looking forward to tomorrow. Whatever happens, happens. But just pleased with how it's gone so far and just trying to get back into really competitive golf. I have really been struggling the last year or so.

Q. Last couple of months, have you been feeling like you were going to put something together like this?

JIM HERMAN: No. I haven't been playing bad, I just haven't been rolling the ball very well. So, to start seeing the balls go in, that's a confidence booster. You feel like you can make anything.

And, yeah, came out of my medical, I'm on past champion status, so it's kind of -- see if I can do something to get my card back here. But if not, it is what it is. I'm past champion, I'm still always have some starts, so --

Q. So, you really didn't expect this performance coming into Lexington?

JIM HERMAN: Not like this, no. 65, 65, 62, from where -- the scores I had been playing -- shooting lately, no, I didn't expect it.

So, just very pleased. Obviously, just going to get some rest and try to replicate one of these other -- one of these scores I have had so far tomorrow. But you're going to have to go low. You can't protect anything. So maybe that's a good thing, you don't have to protect anything.

Q. Do you start the day kind of knowing that?

JIM HERMAN: Yeah. Usually when you -- at tournaments like this, where the scores are low, you don't even start the day with the lead anymore, so -- or start your round with a lead anymore. So, you just know you're going to have to make some birdies and stay ahead of everybody else.

Q. Any other questions? Okay. Awesome. Thank you so much.

JIM HERMAN: Thank you.