

JIM HERMAN (-14)

Q. Jim, how would you characterize the nice 61 you shot out there today?

JIM HERMAN: Yeah, 61, it's great anytime you can do that. Just gave myself good looks. You've got to be below the hole, got to have makeable putts out here or you're going to be playing defensive. If you're above the hole, you're going to be just lagging all day long. I had a really good approach game today, I think I hit almost every green. The one green I did miss, I putted in from off the green. Really a lot of good looks and we'll see if we can keep that up tomorrow.

Q. Was that kind of the key, your approach game, to your run of birdies there on the back nine?

JIM HERMAN: Yeah, gave myself good approaches, good looks at birdie. Have to make the putts. Got away with one on 14, made it from off the green. That was just luck. But it's nice to get that in.

No. 15 was a difficult two-putt, had to run it by, and at least I had an uphill putt. That was the only thing I was trying to do was get it by the hole so I had an uphill putt coming back. Then made a nice one on 16 and 17.

Yeah, good iron play. Starts off the tee with me, got to hit it in the fairway. I'm not as long as most guys out here, so I've got to put it in play, give myself a chance from the fairway.

Q. Kind of just a free-wheeling week knowing that you --

JIM HERMAN: Yeah, win or go home. I've done it before, done it a couple times. You know, don't like to put yourself in that position here in the final week before the Playoffs, but it is what it is. If I'm not able to, then go home and get ready for the start of the new season.

Q. What kind of changed today from what's kind of gone on this season to -- anything different today?

JIM HERMAN: Nothing too much different. You know, when I putt well, I'm going to be in contention. I had a couple three-putts yesterday that weren't bad three-putts, I just didn't make a comeback or I didn't make bad strokes. I just made a lot of putts today. Gave myself some looks and had the right speed, and when you have the right speed, you can make some.

Q. It's been a little while here. Question about President Trump helping you get

started as a pro, helping you out with Q-School, obviously well before he was president.

JIM HERMAN: Yeah, I'm very fortunate, I've had him in my corner for a long time, one of my biggest fans. So maybe I've got another omen, I played with him a few weeks ago. So whenever I play with him, I usually have some good finishes. Last two wins I had played with him either the week or two weeks before. Maybe three weeks is still within the reach of his, I guess, little bit of good luck for me. Yeah, he's been very supportive of me. hopefully, you never know, I may get a phone call from him this afternoon.

Q. Jim, would you remind me of your success getting into the 125 kind of at the end?

JIM HERMAN: Yeah. I mean, I got to win to get there or that's it. I've got one goal in mind, is to get to the -- to be the champion this week and to move on. Like I said, this has been a difficult year for, you know, so many people. We're very fortunate to be out here playing golf. If I can bring home a championship tomorrow, then that would be fantastic, but like I said, it's just about getting out, giving the people some golf to watch.

Q. Did you feel a round like this coming? You haven't really had a lot of success.

JIM HERMAN: No, I haven't had much. Pretty low after last week's weekend performance at the PGA Championship, played terribly. Maybe hit the fairway once or twice on Sunday, something was off with my swing. Just put some work in on the range this week and, you know, just changed the putting up a little bit and, you know, see some putts going in early gets your confidence up.

Q. So this is your career low. I think your previous was at Barbasol last year.

JIM HERMAN: Sure.

Q. Does this feel a little similar?

JIM HERMAN: Yeah, no, you had to make some birdies, I had to make a lot of birdies to catch up. You see the lines, you've got your speeds working, you can make some putts. Hey, you never know what's going to happen tomorrow. I'm sure I won't be leading after the round today, but I put myself in a position where I've got a chance and we'll see what happens tomorrow.

Q. Jim, what's the key for you to be able to kind of come out of nowhere with a round like this? You had a kind of similar run for the Barbasol win last year.

JIM HERMAN: This game's crazy, so as soon as you think you've got it. I played really well last summer at Barbasol and got my status back and got my second wind. I haven't really done much this year, so we've obviously had a lot of distractions with COVID. I know I can do it, so that's all I can take from it. I've done it twice. Just going to go out and have fun and

try to make some birdies because I know I'm going to have to make a bunch.

Q. And where was the round with the president a couple weeks ago?

JIM HERMAN: New Jersey, Trump Bedminster. Great spot up there. I love visiting. A lot of people up there that have supported me and a lot of great members. Mickie Gallagher, the head professional, is great. Just love playing up there.