

ROUND 1 INTERVIEW
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JOEL DAHMEN (-6)



Q. Where do you think you ranked in Strokes Gained: Approach today?

JOEL DAHMEN: It's funny, we just came off 18 and Geno's like, "That might have been one of the best ones you've ever had." We did have a wedge spin down the hill on 13, but at one point I think that was inside of 10 feet. Had to be really high.

Q. First.

JOEL DAHMEN: It was good.

Q. 4.6.

JOEL DAHMEN: That's good, that's really good.

Q. Do you feel like that on the range or is it just one of those things where you get there and it starts flying at it?

JOEL DAHMEN: You know, it's one of those -- yeah, I actually hit it very well today, of course. Like a shot for me today on 6, I have 5-iron in with hazard right, got to cover bunker, I push it a little bit, it goes to eight feet. Like they're not all supposed to go at the pin like that, but all my misses were going right at the pin, and had some really good numbers out there as well.

Q. I think you were like 6 under through eight or something crazy. Did you and Geno have any banter after that start?

JOEL DAHMEN: He went a little quite on me actually. Yeah, It was like a no-hitter out there. Duf, I played with Duf, he doesn't chat much anyways, and Patrick Reed was kind of doing his own thing. So after I bogeyed 11, I missed kind of a short one for birdie on 10 and then everything was kind of normal after that.

Q. You had kind of a long wait on the green on 8 and you're standing there, looked like you were staring right at the scoreboard. Were you freaked out at all to see that you were already going to take the lead by yourself?

JOEL DAHMEN: I was surprised. It's a tough golf course, so I knew I was playing well and birdies were going early. But over 72 holes everyone's going to get hot for a stretch. I happened to get hot on the front nine of the first round. Hopefully I can stay hot or get hot again somewhere along the way. I like seeing my name up there. It's something that, you

know, that's what we work for, right? To have a little bit of pressure in the first round I think is great and it will carry me over through the weekend, for sure.

Q. Have you ever analyzed your scoring average with the bucket hat versus without the bucket hat?

JOEL DAHMEN: That is one for, what, Justin Ray or something out there? That's one for someone else out there. Yeah, the bucket hat, actually the brim got screwed up this week so it is just super wonky, so actually I have it underneath a couple heavy books at home to just flatten it out. Hopefully the weather's good enough to wear it this weekend, but hopefully it'll actually flatten out. It was too wonky for even me to wear, so that's saying a lot.

Q. Are you saying there's just one, there's literally one bucket hat?

JOEL DAHMEN: I get one bucket hat a week and typically I give it away on Sunday or sign it or something. But yeah, I get one bucket hat a week in my locker. Those are prized possessions.