

**CHARLEY HOFFMAN (-5)**

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**Q. Charley, a 5-under 67, nice start. If we can get some comments on your round?**

**CHARLEY HOFFMAN:** Yeah, tee to green was about as clean as I've been all year long. Body's starting to feel a little better and be able to swing the way I want to. Greens got a little choppy on the back nine, hit some good putts that -- missed a few short ones, but hit them where I aimed and just didn't go in. Had some opportunities to go a little bit lower than that, but obviously happy with the way the wind blew, and what the scores are this afternoon, pretty happy with that score.

**Q. I was going to say, compared to the morning, seems like the wind really picked up this afternoon.**

**CHARLEY HOFFMAN:** Yeah, I wasn't out here this morning, but I know obviously the greens firmed up a little. I watched a little on TV this morning, balls were spinning a little bit more than they were bouncing. You know what, it's a good test of golf around this place. If you're in position, you can make birdies like those guys this morning, but once it starts bouncing on you like it did this afternoon, it's hard to get the ball real close.

**Q. Body feels better. What part?**

**CHARLEY HOFFMAN:** My L-4, L-5 was bulging. I mean, It was bad. I sort of, for lack of a better term, half-assed it through most of the year and now it's starting to feel like I can practice, hit balls, play. My body -- I always say if my body moves the way I want it to, I can compete out here, but if it doesn't, I can't. Getting to that point in my career where if I feel good, I can compete like I am right now. Obviously I need a few putts to go in to have a chance to catch the guys going low.

**Q. What did you do to get it --**

**CHARLEY HOFFMAN:** I rested for a bunch in November, December, January and then sort of came back too early and then sort of forced it, but just starting to feel a little bit better. I would say time more than anything.

**Q. Exercise? Stretching?**

**CHARLEY HOFFMAN:** Rehab and stuff. I've got a good team at home, got a good team of physios here on the road that the PGA Tour has. That's pretty much the main thing.

**Q. Is that really the difference, if you feel good --**

**CHARLEY HOFFMAN:** Hundred percent.

**Q. -- you're confident?**

**CHARLEY HOFFMAN:** Exactly. If my body's stalling out and I'm moving the way I want to, I don't have much of a chance. I've never been a big hands guy, more how my body moves. If it doesn't move the way mentally I think it can, I compensate somewhere.

**Q. You've been around the block a long time. I think tomorrow you're going to be 126 on the list --**

**CHARLEY HOFFMAN:** Oh, yeah.

**Q. -- more or less, but I mean, I've got to imagine you're not really stressing a whole lot --**

**CHARLEY HOFFMAN:** No, I'm not.

**Q. -- getting through this?**

**CHARLEY HOFFMAN:** Do I want to get in the Playoffs? Yeah. I've got some medical starts from this back stuff that I can use next year. Really, I just want to be healthy and be able to compete. I don't enjoy trying to make cuts and finish 30th on the PGA Tour, I want to try to win tournaments. If I had to do it all over again, I probably would have taken a little more time off in the middle of the summer, but that's the stubbornness in me trying to get out there too early and compete. But now I'm feeling good and hopefully I get a couple more tournaments under my belt this year before the year's done.