

ROUND 1 QUICK QUOTES
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CHARLEY HOFFMAN (-6)

Q. Birdie, birdie, birdie finish for 6 under, what did you like about your round?

CHARLEY HOFFMAN: I got off to a fairly good start, birdied a couple early, which is nice. Usually at my age, mornings usually aren't my friend, but I got off to a good start and then sort of slow through the middle of the round and was able to hit a good chip on 7, saved a birdie. On 8, hit a couple good shots, made a nice putt. Then 9, got lucky, I pulled it a little bit and went a little further than I thought and chipped one in, so stole one there. So it was obviously nice to finish a round off like that, get in the house with 6 under par and obviously I have a chance.

Q. What's the key to navigating around here especially with the wind, afternoon wave tomorrow?

CHARLEY HOFFMAN: Yeah, it's very generous off the tee, so I would say it's a second shot golf course. Got to be in the right position, judge the wind right and then obviously need to make a few putts with the breeze, which I think is the hardest part on the greens is when you're putting with the wind. So making a few putts and saving on the holes you get out of position, make pars at. Today it was a clean scorecard, which I haven't done in a while, which was nice.

Q. What went into kind of adding this event on your schedule?

CHARLEY HOFFMAN: You know, I mean, this year every event means a ton. Obviously everyone knows how important is it to get in that top-50, top-70 to get in the Playoffs. I obviously got off to a good start this year, struggled a little bit. I didn't struggle, just missed a couple cuts by a few shots, and I know how important it is. I mean, late in my career every event means a ton and obviously trying to get a W is the most important thing this week, and then obviously put myself in position for the Playoffs.

Q. What were the big takeaways in confidence from WM?

CHARLEY HOFFMAN: Yeah, that I can perform still under pressure and in the situation, I guess. I was able to I'd say embrace it and took a lot from that. Obviously would like to have played a little better after that, but I don't feel like the golf game was far away. Everyone's pretty good out here. Missing a few cuts by a shot and next thing you're going home, trunk slamming and you're on the skids. Nice to get a good round in me today and having a chance going into the weekend.

