

**ROUND 3 QUICK QUOTES**  
**April 19, 2025**

**JOEL DAHMEN (-17)**



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**Q. Joel, you must be pretty happy to be in and still with the lead. How was that challenge today?**

**JOEL DAHMEN:** It was a challenge, for sure. It's always tough teeing off with a bigger lead. I feel like I hit some good shots early that didn't end up in a good spot. Then I screwed up all the easy stuff early, so really frustrating. Felt like I could have really put a big gap there. But I rebounded really well after the bogey on 10 and played really good golf coming in. I hit a lot of good shots that, man, we thought were going to get close. And the wind is brutal out there today, it's all over the place.

**Q. How important were those back-to-back birdies on 12 and 13 for you?**

**JOEL DAHMEN:** Yeah, huge. Hit an awesome second shot in there into 12 and got it on the green from I think it's 280 front, and then that two-putt was great.

Then to hit a wedge in there to a tough pin on 13 was another good one. I needed something to get going for me, especially because the last three holes are absolutely brutal today as they always are.

**Q. Did you come out here today with a number in mind or just a thought in mind to stay a certain amount ahead?**

**JOEL DAHMEN:** I just, I didn't have a number, but I knew it was going to play a lot tougher. And the front you can get after a little bit and I didn't do that, so I was a little frustrated. I just didn't want to make any silly mistakes. Technically I three-putted two, it was from the fringe. Three-putted four and missed a short one on five and hit a couple sloppy wedges on six and eight and all of a sudden all of my chances for the day, like the good chances are gone. So a little frustrated with the start. I was uncomfortable out there for sure, settled in nicely and I think it showed on the back nine.

**Q. Can you just give us an idea of how not just physically challenging it is but how mentally exhausting it is on a day like today?**

**JOEL DAHMEN:** That's what it is. I was on, jeez, was it 14 maybe and I'm like, I was tired. So much adrenaline out there going, you never feel that when you're around the lead and I was thinking, man, we have four and a half more holes left. And I was thinking about the holes we have to play and how difficult those holes are and the shots you have to hit, it just requires so much thinking, you can't let down on one shot out there. A lot more discussions with your caddie out there. It's not just point and shoot like it was the first couple days, this is



just a full grind, and handled it pretty well.

**Q. What's the plan for tonight and for tomorrow when you come in?**

**JOEL DAHMEN:** Last night was great, watched a really terrible movie, but I'm not a movie guy. We lost two of our housemates, Harry Higgs and Kisner went home, so Geno's coming over tonight for steaks, and Graham DeLaet's going to come over. We're going to chill, hang out. Try to stay up slightly later tonight so I can sleep in a little more tomorrow.

