

**MEMORIAL HEALTH CHAMPIONSHIP**  
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**ROUND 1 QUICK QUOTES**  
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**HANK LEBIODA (-7)**

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**Q. All right, Hank, 7-under 64, bogey free today, just what was working out there?**

**HANK LEBIODA:** I hit my irons really well, made a lot of nice putts, especially early. Kind of got off on a roll and was able to kind of keep it going through the back nine.

**Q. Talk me through those four straight birdies to start the round. How did it feel?**

**HANK LEBIODA:** Great. Easy, to be honest with you. Only hiccup, I was in a divot on 12 in the middle of the fairway. Apart from that, just tried to (inaudible) get through it and we were able to.

**Q. Yeah, being an athlete, I would say the heat out here definitely.**

**HANK LEBIODA:** I was kidding when I said that, making fun of myself.

**Q. Of course. I mean, definitely it's hot out here, though. You've got to have some perseverance. How do you kind of battle the heat?**

**HANK LEBIODA:** Just drink water, add some salt to your water, make sure you're eating as well. Just normal, like normal taking care of yourself stuff. Nothing crazy.

**Q. You had last week off. Do you want to take me through why you took the week off?**

**HANK LEBIODA:** Yeah. I did four in a row leading through I guess BMW would have been the last event, and the next, going to play six the next eight weeks, so I wanted to be dad for another extra week so decided to stay home.

**Q. And you have your son here?**

**HANK LEBIODA:** No, no, everyone's back in Jax right now with all my (inaudible).

**Q. And then a really great first round, of course. I mean, Johnny Keefer not being here, maybe is it motivating trying to get that No. 1 spot back?**

**HANK LEBIODA:** No. Johnny's an awesome player, an awesome kid, happy to be able to compete with him out here on the Korn Ferry Tour.

No, my goal is to finish No. 1 and to lock up a PGA TOUR card and have a good beginning of the next season. But Johnny being here or not being here doesn't change it, my willingness to compete and try to win this event.

**Q. And what is your approach the rest of the season to try to attain that?**

**HANK LEBIODA:** Yeah, try to get as many points as I can. If we're able to kind of clip off another win, then you're at that point kind of gunning for the three-win promotion, try to get up to the PGA TOUR at the end of the fall season or before Wyndham if possible.

**Q. And T-13 here last year, is there anything about this course that kind of suits your game?**

**HANK LEBIODA:** I think it's just the Midwest. I'm from Florida, I've never lived in the Midwest myself but I do enjoy being here. I feel at home, it's easy here and I do enjoy being here.

**Q. Your first round last year was 5 under. Do you feel like there's anything different as you approached the first round this year or maybe it played a little easier?**

**HANK LEBIODA:** Yeah, I think last year, last year I think we had a pretty strong north wind if I remember correctly, so that 5 under was awesome, it was really good. Today the course is in awesome shape, really, really well prepared course. Yeah, took advantage of it, got to go out super early, getting fresh greens, getting a really good conditioned golf course.

**Q. I know you guys play practice rounds and everything, but did you learn anything about the course kind of in this first round to prepare for the next three days?**

**HANK LEBIODA:** Nothing I didn't know.

**Q. Last one I have for you because you kind of covered everything, this is obviously a strong start for you so far this season. Where do you feel like your game is at in terms of just are you at your best right now? Are you getting there? Where are you at?**

**HANK LEBIODA:** I hope I'm not my best. You hope there's always a little bit more in the tank. Really proud of the work that we've done, the improvements we made over the offseason coming into beginning of this year. I've enjoyed it.