

## DICK'S SPORTING GOODS OPEN

### ROUND 1 QUICK QUOTES

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**JEFF SLUMAN** (-4)

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**Q. First things first, how did you feel today being able to finish 4 under par today?**

**JEFF SLUMAN:** You know, I really played well today. I haven't played much lately. If you've noticed, this is the second tournament in basically a year, 11 months. I needed some time off, I'm old.

I wanted to come back and play here one more time, so that's really the reason. I've been coming since 1983, so a lot of fond memories here. It's as close as I really get to Rochester where I grew up. So glad to be here and even pleased to play as well as I did today.

**Q. And you mentioned this being so close to your hometown, does it feel like a hometown golf tournament for you?**

**JEFF SLUMAN:** Yeah, it always kind of did because like I said, I started in '83 and there would be a contingent of Rochesterians come down to watch me from my family and brothers and friends. Like I said, it's always held very fond memories to come here. And then to win it the one year in 2001 with my brother here was another really great special moment for me.

**Q. The way you played today, did that kind of rekindle some of those memories of that time?**

**JEFF SLUMAN:** It rekindled the fact that I showed that I was a decent player at one time. Like I said, I really did play well today. I hit the ball, absent the tee shot on 18 and the second shot, it was really good. It could have been extremely low. Not complaining 4 under, but it was nice to hit quality golf shot after quality golf shot. Hit it the way you're supposed to, put the ball in the right position to make birdie. It was a lot of fun.

**Q. Having played in this tournament for so many years now, what keeps you coming back? You said you wanted to play here one more time. What about it?**

**JEFF SLUMAN:** Just the hometown atmosphere, it's been that way since Alex Alexander when I came here in 1983 and John Karedes has kept it going.

The golf course is magnificent, what a treat. I don't know if everybody realizes what a special treat this is to have a golf course like this in their backyard in the condition it is, and the public can go out and play it on a daily basis. This is a rare thing to have in any community.



So I think it's important and imperative for us, especially at our age that played in a lot of the B.C. Opens, to come back and support the community.

**Q. And to be able to represent a lot of upstate New York, what does that mean to you and what does it mean for --**

**JEFF SLUMAN:** I think it was great that Mike Hulbert won here, Wayne Levi won here, Joey Sindelar obviously, and then I was fortunate to win. All the upstate New Yorkers that played the Tour for a long time and had success all came here, all supported the tournament, and fortunately we all won. I think it's pretty, it's a pretty good thing.

