

**ROUND 1 INTERVIEW: LEE JANZEN**  
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**MODERATOR:** We would like to welcome Lee Janzen into the interview room. Shot 4-under par today, you're on a bit of a hot streak lately. Talk about your play today and go through your round a little bit, birdies and bogeys.

**LEE JANZEN:** Well, you know, since Monday I've just been trying to get some rest and still woke up this morning feeling like I needed a lot more sleep. So I thought today would be -- could be a challenge. Just consciously thought okay, a little tired, a little harder to think. So I just tried to take my time with pre-shot just to make sure I knew what I was doing before I hit it. Other than just a few really bad shots, I did pretty well with that. But that's the way golf is, sometimes you can hit some bad shots and get away with them.

The second hole, I didn't hit a good tee shot and birdied the hole. The fourth hole, I didn't hit a good tee shot or a good second shot and birdied the hole. Turns out on 18 I didn't really miss any of my shots and bogeyed the hole, so that can happen.

Where else? I bogeyed the 5th hole, par 3. I hit an average iron shot short on the fringe but putted and three-putted. Then I bogeyed the 10th hole from the fairway, pretty severe right-to-left lie and the ball was above my feet. Basically I think I probably just needed to choke up a little bit because I hit it fat and left it 50 yards short, so it was a pretty bad shot.

**Q. What did Monday do for you and was there any kind of carryover and do you think there's any kind of carryover into this week?**

**LEE JANZEN:** I think I played well enough Monday that it gave me I guess some peace that I felt good about my game, enough that Tuesday I didn't do anything other than I just walked the course. I never hit a range ball or a practice putt or anything, I just walked the course to look at it. Often what we find when we walk the course, you see the course really well, visualize good shots the whole day long. You don't have an opportunity to hit any bad shots in a practice round when you just walk the course, so it's not a bad way to see it the first time. Yesterday I played it in the pro-am and just was a little tight the first three holes and after that I was fine and just enjoyed getting to know the course.

**Q. That last putt on 18, how far was that?**

**LEE JANZEN:** I would say it was probably nine feet.

**Q. Just was it a lip-out?**

**LEE JANZEN:** No, it didn't lip out. I hit it I thought pretty close to the line that I needed to hit it on, it didn't really break. My chip shot broke a ton, but the wind is blowing pretty good and sometimes a gust of wind can influence the ball. It certainly gusted a little bit on 17 and

my putt came up short because of it. You can't think of everything all the time. But the wind will definitely affect your putt when it gets up to a certain strength.

**Q. Four days of stroke play versus three, how do you feel about that? Does that work towards your advantage?**

**LEE JANZEN:** Well, I got off to a terrible start the last two tournaments. They were four rounds in Birmingham and in French Lick and I played decent the last three days in Birmingham, so if it had just been a three-round tournament I probably would have been in the Top 10. Yeah, it's a little -- this is my first year out here so it hasn't been that long since I was playing four-round tournaments regularly if I made the cut. But it's all right. We usually play the pro-am and practice and play every day anyway, so an extra round doesn't matter. And if you play well, then that generally gives you a boost of energy anyway.

**Q. How much preparation kind of went into Monday and is there kind of like a weight off your shoulders knowing that you'll be back in the U.S. Open?**

**LEE JANZEN:** Well, I enjoyed playing well and feel good about the accomplishment. As far as a weight off my shoulders, I've started to wonder what I got myself into because looking at the course, every hole is 500-some yards and they're par 4s, but it will be tough for everybody. And it looks very interesting, lots of opportunity to overcome adversity.

As far as last Monday went, I did get there early, the Tuesday before, and walked the course, Old Oaks and walked Century the next morning, and then went to Baltusrol and spent the next five days there with I had some friends in town that wanted to play. That was actually the best part about getting ready for it was walking and playing two really good golf courses.

**Q. So seems like if you walk the course before, you end up playing pretty well then?**

**LEE JANZEN:** Yeah, and it's been like that since I would say college days. Happens a lot. So why don't I do that every week? I don't know. Because we're golfers.

**Q. Guys have said this week it's kind of a challenging course and it's not a Champions Tour venue (inaudible) so you only had really one practice round. I'm guessing you hadn't been here prior to this year?**

**LEE JANZEN:** No.

**Q. So are you surprised you went out and shot 67 today?**

**LEE JANZEN:** Well, I did walk it so that's like playing a round, and yesterday I got to play it. It was somewhat of a westerly breeze yesterday so it wasn't completely different. Every course for me is new on this tour now, so it has become a habit of having to learn a new course every week.

**Q. What do you have to do out here to play well at Belmont?**

**LEE JANZEN:** Well, some of the fairways have a lot of slope to them, so a couple of them I decided that I'm not going to try and hit short off the tee, just to hit the fairway because it's going to be hard. I'd just as soon hit driver farther down there; if I'm in the rough, at least I have a shorter club. And then other holes there's a spot in the fairway that I feel like is the best spot to land it so it will stay in the fairway. Westchester, a few guys have said it, it reminds us a little bit of Westchester. The fairways at West Chester slope pretty good from one side to the other and there's quite a few blind shots there, too. Westchester is probably even more quirky as far as having sidehill lies and so on the whole day long.

**Q. Lee, at one point you, Rocco and Marco were one, two, three. Did you notice that and what did you think?**

**LEE JANZEN:** I did not see that, no, but I heard, I heard. I did not even see a leaderboard until, is there one on 17 maybe? Might be one on 16 or 17, somewhere around there. I was trying to get Rocco's attention when I was on 14 and he was on 17 and he completely ignored me. So I didn't even know what he was shooting but then it was just funny to see the board and I saw his name right there. But I did not see Marco's. I didn't even look past Rocco's to see what anybody was doing.

**Q. Lee, back to the walking, do you take notes and how long does it take you?**

**LEE JANZEN:** Oh, yeah. We took about four hours to do it, my caddie and I. Sometimes we do some measuring that's not in the book a little different if there's a chance that a fairway swings way out and the pin can be in the back or the left or the right or whatever, the yardage can change quite a bit on the pin placement from that sprinkler so we just like to be prepared. I just feel better when I'm prepared. Then we just plotted out four or five spots today, we put the pin on every green and rolled balls to get breaks.

**Q. You could go into design now, right?**

**LEE JANZEN:** Design? Golf course design? I'd love to. Do you have a piece of land you'd like me to come to? My fee's not too big, I'm easy to work with.

**Q. What's your caddie's name?**

**LEE JANZEN:** Keith Nolan.

**Q. Did you even bring a putter?**

**LEE JANZEN:** No, we didn't even take a club, no. We brought lasers and some reflectors and a few balls and, I don't know, Callaway has these little things that are about the size of a cup that say Odyssey on them.

**Q. As you were nearing turning 50, what were those years like for you in the late 40s when you were kind of splitting time on the Web.com and the PGA TOUR?**

**LEE JANZEN:** Right. I wanted to keep playing. Age 48 on the Web I looked, I had an opportunity to get myself back on tour for a year, but age 49 there really was no point. I mean, there was no point in me playing a full season on the Web so I only played three events. I basically picked three courses that I liked and used those as weeks because they were weeks before a tour event to help prepare myself, and it worked out good that way. I played 11 or so regular events last year. I'm trying to remember. No, it must have been about eight. As long as I get in a regular tour event right now, I will probably try and play. It's only going to be a handful just so if I can make the cut, that keeps me in the past champion category even if they reshuffle for next year so I always have an opportunity to play an event here or there, which I like to do.

**Q. Was it tough to kind of peg it on a Web event, kind of have to swallow your pride a little bit?**

**LEE JANZEN:** No, that wasn't a problem. It did help appreciate how good you have it on the PGA TOUR. I mean, the Web is just a little different. You've got to fight for parking spots. You just have to be prepared. Parking's different, everything is just a little different. We get cars every week on the regular tour and most weeks out here, too. The Web guys, it costs them a lot of money to play that tour. Entry fees are higher, they've got to rent cars. Travel, their tournaments are everywhere. For the guys that are going to play every week out there, it's tough. I did not have to do any of that so I didn't make it too hard on myself. It was really all about working on my game to get better.

**Q. So just staying sharp?**

**LEE JANZEN:** Yeah, I certainly didn't want to go a long time without playing tournament golf, but I wasn't going to play 30 tournaments, either.