

FINAL ROUND INTERVIEW
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TOM LEHMAN (-17)

Q. So it seem to me two key holes were 1 and 10. I don't know what your thoughts were, but it seemed like the bogey-birdie to cut the lead to two, and then 10 when he had that eagle putt and you left that putt in the hole for birdie?

TOM LEHMAN: Yeah.

Q. To me, if he makes that eagle putt --

TOM LEHMAN: Yeah, it makes it a lot tougher. Yeah, at that stage of the game that was a big miss for him, for sure.

Q. What were your thoughts?

TOM LEHMAN: I think, you know what, I made two really nice par saves. I made a good par save on 2 and then there was one other hole where I made a nice putt for par, no. 8. Those two holes were the keys for me because anytime you save par it's like making a birdie. It really kept my momentum going and I really couldn't afford to be giving shots back to him. I had to make him earn every shot that he kept, so I didn't want to give them to him. I thought those were the big things.

Then he made a couple of mistakes. The bogey on 1 was a bad bogey for him. The bogey on 18 was a bad bogey for him. And as a competitor, you don't want to win that way. Honestly, you don't. You love winning, I'm not going to give the trophy back, but you would rather make a putt than have somebody miss a putt. So I felt bad for him because I thought he played extremely well.

Q. What's the mentality all week? You're really battling back, trying to chase down the leader?

TOM LEHMAN: Yeah.

Q. What was it when you were waiting for your round today and what were your thoughts?

TOM LEHMAN: Well, I like the fact that the wind was blowing. I always feel like when the wind blows, my chances get better. Historically, I've always been a real steady ball-striker, and when the wind blows, that's what you really have to do. I have to hit in the middle of the clubface and hit quality shots to keep the ball in play. Even though I didn't hit the ball the best I've ever hit it today, I putted extremely well. That was really the secret for me. I made

up for what I would consider to be a very average day tee to green with an exceptional day on the greens.

Q. You one-putted the first three holes.

TOM LEHMAN: Yeah, I think I one putted seven of the first nine holes, then the back nine I hit a few more greens. But my lag putting was really good; really didn't miss anything.

Q. Do you get some extra joy out of a win when your whole family is here? This has been such a fun celebration to watch them all here with you.

TOM LEHMAN: Yeah. Well, you know, like Sean, my youngest, really hasn't seen me win very often. He wasn't around to witness the PGA TOUR years, so he missed all the wins out there. And being in school, he hasn't really had a chance to be out with most of the wins on the Champions Tour, either. So to have him kind of be a part of this week, I think more than the rest because he's probably witnessed the fewest.

But overall, my mom being here with her husband and the in-laws, having my son-in-law caddie. I mean, he's never caddied before, so he thinks it's easy. It's not that easy. I told him to be invisible. The best thing you can be as a caddie is just be invisible, don't get in anybody's way. He said, "My job this week was to be invisible, I think I did a good job," and I would agree.

Q. How distracting was that on 18? Everyone could hear it as plain as day.

TOM LEHMAN: It was quite distracting, and to be honest with you, I would have backed off but we were on the clock and I already had a bad time. So if I would have backed off that putt, I would have got another bad time because I got over it, when everybody got quiet, it was quite loud and I heard it, then I couldn't stop listening.

They need to kind of go up there, think, and turn the volume down when you kind of get down to the nitty gritty like that.

Hit a pretty good putt, just didn't hit it quite hard enough. After seeing his race by, I knew it was fairly quick and I didn't want to be overly aggressive. I just didn't quite hit it, it broke under the hole.

Q. But you have two second place finishes, you went super low one time. How good does it feel just to get that win here?

TOM LEHMAN: Well, I feel like -- I wouldn't say like I deserve it, but I feel like I've earned it. I feel like I've earned a win with a lot of really good play.

Like I said in the ceremony, to beat this field, every player here is the best player on this tour. They were here this week. And typically when scores go super low works against me

because I don't putt it quite as well as I need to at times.

But I think the wind was the equalizer. The wind was really my friend this week. And the putter worked and I was able to get a really good score, and the guys didn't shoot the grass off like they normally do, so it was all good.

Q. Is it easier -- the word "easy" might not be the right word, but is it sometimes, coming from behind, you can play a little differently than maybe if you're guarding a lead? Is there a difference in those two things?

TOM LEHMAN: Well, I think it all depends on the guy leading. If the guy leading plays a great round, you can't win, but if he gives you some openings, you can win but you can't make mistakes. So I think it's a real fine line between being aggressive and also being smart. There's some holes out here that are difficult and you don't want to give shots back. So if you can find a way to not make mistakes, then I think you give yourself a chance if the other guy does make a mistake. But if I make any mistakes early in the round, I still lose, so it's really all about being as mistake free as possible.