

TOM LEHMAN ( -5)

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**Q. Tom, thanks for joining us. Can you start with your thoughts on your round today?**

**TOM LEHMAN:** Well, obviously I played well. I was very pleased with that. Drove it well, rolled the ball pretty well, hit a lot of greens. I thought the course gave up quite a bit early, the front nine was not very windy at all. The wind started picking up as we made the turn and I thought the finish was extremely difficult. The last five holes, four of the five were into that west wind, it was a very tough slog coming in. Anyways, a good start and I'm very pleased.

**Q. You won here five years ago. When you come back to this course, do you kind of get some good vibes?**

**TOM LEHMAN:** I've had good weeks here and I've had bad weeks here. There have been weeks that I played terrible and there's been weeks that I played really well. To me, you seem to get into a rhythm on this course where you're putting your ball in the right places and you're not giving yourself too many really difficult downhill putts on the tough holes and things kind of go well. Today was a day like that. I think ball control is really the name of the game out here, controlling your ball around the green, putting it in the right spots and if you do that, you can score.

**Q. What was the highlight of your round today?**

**TOM LEHMAN:** The highlight, shoot, I'm not sure. I made two 35-, 40-footers in a row on Nos. 6 and 7. Then I birdied the following hole, the par 5 8th as well. I think those two putts probably were the putts that kind of got the round going and a couple up-and-downs on the back nine, a couple saves were very crucial like always is the case. But a beautiful day, great crowd, great fans, fun to be here.

**Q. Were you disappointed that you didn't have a stance on your second shot there?**

**TOM LEHMAN:** Well, I pulled my tee shot. I was aiming right at the hump in the middle. I figured if I hit my tee shot right on the top of that hump and if it kicked left or right, it would be fine into the wind like that and I pulled it. I wasn't expecting anything good and I got lucky it didn't go in the water, but just playing for bogey from that point on.

**Q. You almost made the par putt.**

**TOM LEHMAN:** I hit a really good putt, yeah.

**Q. Did you have to really kind of be careful with that one?**

**TOM LEHMAN:** A lot of break and downhill, but it almost felt like they didn't cut that green today maybe. I don't know, I could be wrong about that, but it wasn't quite as fast as some of the others. If it would have been the same speed as some of the other greens, it would have been pretty frightening, but it wasn't quite that way.

**Q. Who did you have on the bag today?**

**TOM LEHMAN:** My daughter Rachael.

**Q. Does she often caddie for you?**

**TOM LEHMAN:** She caddies for me probably two or three times a year. In fact, I won a tournament with her caddying in Des Moines a few years ago, so she's a veteran and she has a win under her belt.