

## MEMORIAL HEALTH CHAMPIONSHIP

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ROUND 3 INTERVIEW

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ROB OPPENHEIM ( -21)

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**Q. Rob, right now alone atop the leaderboard, but can you just take us through your back nine?**

**ROB OPPENHEIM:** Yeah, I made the turn and I looked at the leaderboard and I saw a lot of guys were going low. It's definitely out there; the greens are pretty soft, it's hot so the ball's flying far. There's plenty of birdies out there so I knew I had to pick it up a little bit, hit some shots close like 10, 11, 12, and made a couple eagles and coming down the stretch I realized that I made all 3s and it was fun to make about a 15-foot birdie on the last hole to shoot 27 straight 3s, nine 3s. It was one of those nines where the hole looked real big and capitalized on the good shots.

**Q. You said you didn't realize until the very end that it was all 3s?**

**ROB OPPENHEIM:** I realized after I made an eagle on 16 that I made all 3s. Then I had a par-3, and actually probably my best par of the day was on 17. I hit it really way right, hit a good flop shot to about 10 feet, made that for par. Then 18, walking down with my caddie in the middle of the fairway, like hey, we've got eight in a row, let's try to get nine. I think that almost helped me just to kind of keep that motivation, keep the pedal down and was able to make a putt.

**Q. When you're in the middle of one of those kind of like hot streaks like that, some players say they tune it out, some people say they're not afraid to acknowledge it. Where do you kind of fall in that?**

**ROB OPPENHEIM:** Somewhere in between. I did a great job of not really acknowledging, I kind of didn't really know where I was at. The eagle on 16 and then I'm on 17 and the announcer, because that's a fun hole where they get a lot of people and they're playing some music, he said, "We've got the leader right now." So things started -- I started thinking about it a little bit. But I did a good job to kind of zero back in and kind of focus on the job at hand.

**Q. You opened up your round today with a bogey.**

**ROB OPPENHEIM:** Yeah.

**Q. At that time were you worried about how the rest of your round might go or did you just think --**

**ROB OPPENHEIM:** No. 1's a tough hole, I think it's one of the harder holes out here. To be honest, I think it was a great bogey. Hitting it in the bunker, left it just out of the bunker and got up and down for bogey, so the bogey felt good. I walked off actually pretty happy after the bogey.

I knew there was plenty of birdies out here, so when I shot 7 under the Round 1, I made bogey on the first hole as well, so maybe I need to go start out with a bogey tomorrow.

**Q. And just to tie for the course record, 60 set last year, that's pretty remarkable, isn't it?**

**ROB OPPENHEIM:** Yeah, it was a great day. You don't get these days very often where the hole looks big. I got some good breaks and took advantage of them, made some putts and hit some good shots. Conditions were perfect for scoring. Everything lined up and it was good to take advantage of it. There's still one more day. It was a great day, but I know I need to play really well tomorrow. That's the most important thing is to finish up well tomorrow.

**Q. I was going to say it looks like it could be pretty bunched up to start tomorrow?**

**ROB OPPENHEIM:** Oh, yeah, you're going to have to have -- probably not shoot something like that, but I think 27 under won last year and I'm sure the scores will be something like that this year. Going to have to know can't make a bunch of pars, you've got to come out firing again.

**Q. The 27 on the back, is that hands down the best nine holes you've played?**

**ROB OPPENHEIM:** Yeah, I don't think -- I've never shot 9 under through nine holes, for sure. Yeah, in competition, I would go as far to say that's the best nine holes I ever played, for sure.