Q. Finished with a birdie. Come up with a good taste in your mouth for the round?
CHARLEY HOFFMAN: Yeah, I struggled getting the ball on the fairway the last nine holes. I tell you what, this golf course is harder when you don't hit it between the fescue.

Q. Do you like your position going into the weekend?
CHARLEY HOFFMAN: Yeah, any time you've got a chance going into the weekend is what you want to be at. I'm happy, going to go hit a few drivers. Drove it great for the first 27 holes and a little sloppy there on the back nine. Clean that up and have a good weekend.

Q. What did you think of the course today as compared to yesterday?
CHARLEY HOFFMAN: It was still gettable. For the most part the wind was nonexistent. There was a slight breeze out there and the greens were receptive if you were in the fairway. You can still make birdies out there. Like I said. If you hit it in the fairway you can attack the golf course. The back nine I didn't do that, which I made some bogeys and doubles. But the front nine, I hit the fairways and hit the greens and made some birdies.

Q. To be in contention on a weekend at a U.S. Open, talk about -- it's a sporty event and there's theater involved. And you're right there. Talk about today.
CHARLEY HOFFMAN: Yeah, you've just got to play the game. It's easier said than done. I've been in the situation, the last Masters and I didn't succeed very well. And I'll learn from those mistakes and go out, and when it's said and done it's just golf. But that's a lot easier said than done. You can't look too far ahead, it's just a game. And I look forward to the challenge. I'm always up for it. I'm not going to succeed every time and hopefully I can this weekend.