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Oak Hill Country Club ~ Rochester, NY

Hole #	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Out	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	Out	Total
Yardage	452	401	214	570	428	170	461	428	418	3,542	429	188	372	598	323	181	439	460	469	3,459	7,001
Par	4	4	3	5	4	3	4	4	4	35	4	3	4	5	4	3	4	4	4	35	70
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JIM THORPE DAVID LUNDSTROM LOREN ROBERTS & JOHN ROSS

JIM THORPE

Q. Talk about the conditions this week and the course.

JIM THORPE: You know what, man, it's a very difficult golf course. It's just no let up out there. Every time you miss the fairway it's a chip out. You hit it past the flag, you lag it. Plus the break will be four, five, six feet on you. It's a very tough golf course.

Even if they didn't have the rough as high as they have it, the golf course would still, no one would still shoot even par on it. It's just, I don't know they say, the weather conditions last couple of days, last three days got very good. The scores are still high.

So it's just a very demanding golf course. But any time you take a golf course and play it 7,000 yards long par 70, then you're in for some big holes out there. But the problem we have here, the trees have gotten so big it's hard to shape the ball off the tee the way we used to do it here. The trees are pretty much out, some of them are hanging out in the fairways now.

Give you a good example. Hit a couple good tee shots this week where I had to hook it or

cut it hard, like number 7 today, we drove it perfect, pretty much just right side of the fairway but we're there hitting a 6-iron and hitting a big old 25 yard cut shot there.

But that happens. You're just not going to make birdies. But it's a beautiful golf course and the setup on the golf course probably could have been a little bit easier. The greens are so firm, the greens here are very, very firm it's poa annua greens and the ball bounces a lot on them. And the greens might could have been a little softer for us.

But somebody's going to win the golf tournament, so you know, I just didn't play good enough this week. I drove the ball absolutely terrible, putted bad, just a combination. Ironing the ball okay, but my putter and driver beat me up. I didn't put enough balls on the fairway and I didn't leave myself enough quality putts, you know what I mean.

Q. Yeah. Talk about, compare it to like Kiawah and everything, how, um, the crowds and everybody, um --

JIM THORPE: This is the biggest crowd I've seen I think since I've been on the Champions Tour. And I started in 1999. I said we got a Major crowd here. But the difference between the two golf courses here, Kiawah you have a lot of wind. You don't have green side bunkers and that kind of stuff at Kiawah. Kiawah is a golf course where it would give you a couple birdie holes. You got a couple par-5s.

Here you got two par-5s where it doesn't make any difference whether you hit driver or 3-iron off the tee, it's a three shot hole. And I wasn't stupid enough to realize that until it was too

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late. But I hit a couple nice drives into number 4 there, that landed pretty much in the center of the fairway, but goes in the left rough.

So now you're trying to hook the ball around the trees and land up with your hope to get a wedge in your hand where you can get it close to the pin there. And it just is impossible to do. If I could start over tomorrow and play this golf course I might be just leaving my driver in the clubhouse, you know what I mean. Because you don't want to use the driver on this golf course. You need to find some greens out there and it's a golf course where you can't go flag hunting on. You got to put it in the center of the green and take your chances with 25 and 30 footers.

Q. Do you need a week off?

JIM THORPE: No, I took two weeks off coming here, man, got myself at home practicing. But I didn't prepare right for this golf course. I didn't need that driver here. I'm fader of the ball. So I actually need a driver I could draw a little bit. I need something I could hit nice and straight about 250, 260 off the tee and make sure I keep it on the fairways and just play to the center of the greens.

But unfortunately now that we played four rounds plus a practice round, I, yeah, I realize that. And it's just a golf course where you and your caddie both got to be on top of what you're doing. You got to make sure you keep it under the flags, don't shoot at no pins unless you're hitting a wedge. And I think you can get around the golf course 71, 72. Somebody going to shoot in the 60s here, but I'm afraid that the winning score here is going to be over par.

DAVID LUNDSTROM

Q. Talk about your overall experience here at Oak Hill the whole week.

DAVID LUNDSTROM: I'm fine now that it's over.

Q. Just your impressions of the course?

DAVID LUNDSTROM: It's challenging, unbelievable. I had fun. I was shooting a million, but it was fun, I enjoyed it.

Just playing it in these conditions, the quickness of the greens and the muff around them it's hard to play. If you have been playing well it's hard, and if you haven't been playing a lot then it's even harder. So that's the way it goes.

Q. What did you specifically think of your round today?

DAVID LUNDSTROM: Oh, I had a bad stretch in the middle of the front nine. Terrible. But then other than that I played about par. Played about 5-over in the middle, 4, 5, 6. But I played about par. And that's good for me around here. That's all I can expect.

LOREN ROBERTS

Q. Other than obviously the high scores, in general how is your experience here in Rochester?

LOREN ROBERTS: Oh, it was great. You know, it's been some pretty good history here. I was here in '89 and '93, and 2003 and the '95 Ryder Cup and it's a great spot. It's just a great golf course. It was a tough as I had ever seen it though. The rough was I think much thicker probably this year than it's been.

I know in August for the PGA in 2003 it was tough, but it was later in the summer and it was a little dryer. You could play from it. It was a stern test this week.

Q. Do you like the site here?

LOREN ROBERTS: It's a great site. It's great having two golf courses here. You have a lot of room to stage things. And you know, the members know about golf. So it's a great place to be.

Q. You mentioned that this was a really tough course. What do you take away from that?

LOREN ROBERTS: Well, nothing. I was playing poorly coming in here and you can't do that on a golf course like this. You got to hit your shot, you got to hit every tee shot right where you're looking and you're even going to hit some good shots that are going to turn out bad. That's yes, I was the just the way the golf course is.

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JOHN ROSS

Q. 68. Great round. Best round on this course. Was it tough out there?

JOHN ROSS: Well, after shooting 40 and 41 and 41 on the front nine the first three days, my caddie and I had a little joke we were going to go out and break 40 today.

I shot even par on the front, only had one bogey and that was a 3-putt on 7. So I knew I was playing well. And I played the back nine well all week.

There was less wind today. But then again the characteristics of this golf course don't change, you got to put the ball in the fairway. And I made a couple of good par saves on the last couple holes. But I missed a couple of, I missed a couple of six foot birdie putts early in the round too.

But I'm not by any means going to complain after shooting 68 here. It leaves a good taste in my mouth. I have a lot of respect for this golf course. Donald Ross, I love his designs and to see how this course has withstood the time and technology, it's a beauty.

Q. How much confidence does this give you coming up to the final round, 68, Major Championship, how much confidence are you going to take from this?

JOHN ROSS: Well, I need to build on it. Last year I finished pretty shaky. And I was in the next to the last group going into the final round at Whistling Straights last year at the U.S. Open and unfortunately I stumbled to a 79 the last day.

But it confirms to me that I can play at this level. And I'm not what you would call normally a birdie machine. But I enjoy the tough golf courses where par is a good score.

Unfortunately, I just had too many unforced errors over the course of the first two rounds. But I'm going to use this as a building block and move on to Des Moines to qualify Tuesday for our next Champions Tour event there.

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