

# The Northern Trust

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Norton, Massachusetts, USA

TPC Boston

## Charley Hoffman

### Quick Quotes

#### Q. Charley, is that sort of your hockey playoff beard?

CHARLEY HOFFMAN: That's all I've got right here.

#### Q. 6-under 65, how do you feel about your round? How did it go out there?

CHARLEY HOFFMAN: Good, I got off to a great start. I was 4-under after 5 and looking to do something really special. Slowed down a little bit, hit some good shots that didn't turn out, and you know what, anytime you shoot 6-under par at TPC Boston you're happy. I'm excited to get a few more rounds and have a chance at coming in on the weekend.

#### Q. What's the difference between the front -- starting on the front nine and starting on the back nine as far as difficulty level?

CHARLEY HOFFMAN: Yeah, you know what, obviously the first hole you want to make it a birdie hole, and I mean, it's an iron -- somewhat of a wedge into the green, then the second hole is one of the better par-5s in all of golf. It's a great risk-reward hole. If you bite off the corner, you've got a chance to go for the green in two but you've got a lot of penalty around it, a lot of water, and then the next hole is a great par-3 and then obviously the 4th is a drivable par-4 that you want to get a birdie on. You obviously want to get off to a fast start.

And then the back nine, I started on that nine, it's obviously a little bit different. 10th is a tough hole; 11th is a tough hole; 12th is a tough hole; 13 is a tough hole; 14 is a tough hole. You want to just sort of maintain when you start on the back.

Yeah, you definitely want to get them early if you start on the front nine.

#### Q. When you've come back to a place where you've won before, how much little extra confidence does it give you, and considering if you're not -- if you haven't been playing well, how much can it give you a little bit



#### of a boost?

CHARLEY HOFFMAN: Yeah, you know what, Gil Hanse has done a few tweaks since I've won here 10 years ago, but it's still a golf course I obviously love to come back to and play. I haven't had a ton of success as of late out here, but I started flying the ball a little bit further which takes some of these bunkers out of play, which is a nice combination. I flew some bunkers I haven't flown in past years and it makes some of those holes into birdie holes.

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