

# U.S. Senior Open

Flash Interview

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## Jeff Wilson



**Q. So we just want to ask you, the last hole, did you have any idea what the cut was and what you had to do?**

JEFF WILSON: I think I saw the scoreboard on, when I was going up 7 and I saw it went from 9 to 8. So I had been like playing in cardiac arrest the whole stinking day and that put a little more stress in it right there.

**Q. Tell us how you birdied the 9th hole.**

JEFF WILSON: Well actually I just -- I killed it off 9 and it rolled through the fairway and I just got a horrible lie in the rough. So I had to lay up. And I think I had like adjusted about 125 yard shot. And it came off pretty well and I managed to just creep a putt over the front edge.

**Q. Was there a sense of relief at that point? I mean, you played in so many USGA championships.**

JEFF WILSON: You know, I got a lot of respect for these guys that do this on a daily basis because playing on -- I knew I was on the edge of the cut the whole day and it's nerve wracking. All it is is just a feather in my cap, I'm not playing for any money or anything, but it's hard.

**Q. You got off to kind of a tough start, how did you get it back together?**

JEFF WILSON: I went on the driving range -- I had just a terrible warm-up session and I played really poorly on the back nine yesterday -- and then I went out to the back nine where they had the little practice center out there and I took a couple swings with a wedge and it's like something kind of clicked and I started hitting the ball a little bit better. So even when I doubled 11 I think it was, it wasn't like I was -- I hit a perfect drive and I pulled an iron shot a little bit and got just a horrible lie. But it wasn't like I go, oh, God, this is disaster. I mean, I hit some pretty good shots. So I think really just that, just a little something I got on that practice center over there kind of carried me through the rest of the day and I started feeling pretty good.

**Q. The birdie on 16 or was there something else that told you, hey, I'm back?**

JEFF WILSON: You know, yeah, it was nice to make it, but really I had hit some really nice shots coming into that, so you just try to keep throwing them up there. And that one went in and it was nice, but I played pretty

solidly. Without being arrogant, I probably left a few shots out there today.

**Q. Most people don't know that you have quote unquote a real job. Tell us how are you able to manage an auto dealership and still play golf at the same time?**

JEFF WILSON: Luckily, we have a really good team and that's first and foremost. But my golf -- funny story is I got this dog, I got an Australian Shepherd and I take him out to the driving range with me about six in the morning. And I flip balls back in the driving range for about an hour, hour and a half and the dog follows me back to the house. It's about a two and a half mile trip and it takes about an hour and a half. And all of a sudden my golf game got better. I should list him as my coach.