



ROUND 2 INTERVIEW TRANSCRIPT: FRED COUPLES
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Q. Fred Couples today, 64. Check out the last couple holes here where your putter caught fire.

FRED COUPLES: Well, I haven't putted like this or made this many putts in a long time. But I didn't hit the ball so bad on the front nine, shot even par and I got it going, and as you saw, some of these putts are crazy. Just one of those things. Like I was just telling you, I might go dressed as a putter tonight for Halloween.

Q. Heard you're going out with Bones. Talk us through these, Fred, your putt at 16.

FRED COUPLES: Well, I fatted my sand wedge short of the green and chipped it strong. This was a pretty easy putt, straight down grain, a little break to the right, and I halfway fatted a 6-iron and then hit a decent bunker shot. (Inaudible.)

Q. Yeah, you shoot 64, you think it's all about birdies but you've got to save par, too, and then here it is to close it out with one putts in a row.

FRED COUPLES: Right. Even the ones that don't look like they're going in, go in. (Inaudible.) I very nearly birdied that hole, made par yesterday. It was a great way to cap off a good round.

Q. You've had two Ws this year, you missed six weeks, you were recovering again from back issues, but your standards are so high. Do you expect more out of yourself than just two Ws?

FRED COUPLES: Well, my standards are high because I still feel like I can play, but I don't go walking around -- I mean, last year I did say I wanted to play a lot this year and try to win the Schwab Cup. That didn't work out. So maybe I just ought to settle in and try to play a little bit. But my back's been okay this year. I hurt my wrist, which is (inaudible.) I took a lot of time off, it feels much better, I can swing. There are certain shots (inaudible.) I feel good. I played well this year when I played, but my goal is to play more if I can do it.

Q. Before we let you go, I want to ask you about the guy you're staying with this week, Jay Haas, a close friend. What do you think about what he's doing at age 60 now? He wins a couple weeks ago, he's on the verge of it again, seemingly getting better when most guys go in the other direction.

FRED COUPLES: Well, Tom Watson when he was 60 almost won the British Open and I think Jay is capable of playing great golf for another -- I don't want to put a time frame on it but he's just kind of timeless. He hits the ball I think further than he thinks he hits it. I've played a lot of times with him and there are days where I drive it just a little bit past him. But the putter and the short game and the wedges are what make Jay really, really hit the ball solid all the time. To be 60 or 58, I don't think there's much difference, but when you get to 62 or 63, when I see people play, they lose length. Jay Haas not lost any length.

Q. Make sure you send us a picture tonight so we can Tweet it out and see what Fred Couples is dressed as on Halloween.