

**FINAL ROUND INTERVIEW**  
**November 12, 2017**



**FRED COUPLES (-10)**

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**Q. Pretty good way to put a cap on the season for you. I know you've been out for a couple months, but a good way to finish.**

**FRED COUPLES:** It is. I wasn't expecting to do very well this week. I just felt like it would be a push to maybe start playing again, and I hadn't played any. I played on Saturday before I came here.

But today was a lot of fun. I mean, if you drive it in the fairways, I'm not going to say -- the greens are, first of all, a 10, they're perfect. I drove the ball well and it seemed pretty easy. But yesterday was an okay round and I had a couple bad swings and I made a bad bogey and a double back to back, but really had nothing to do with today. I can't say oh, then I would be 13 or 14 under because I wouldn't have shot what I did today. But it's nice to be done and maybe I'll slowly start playing again and hopefully get ready for Hualalai.

**Q. Was this course a pretty good place for this tour?**

**FRED COUPLES:** Yeah, I think it's perfect for us. It's in great shape, it's playing really fast. But if you get it going on the side, it rolls in the rough, you've got some pretty tough second shots trying to judge it, to stop it on these greens. But if you're in the fairway with eight, nine wedges, you're going to make some birdies and it's going to seem simpler than it really is. But it's a beautiful place, lots of people, and if I can make it back here next year, I'll be excited to be maybe healthier and come back and see if I can maybe play better.

**Q. When you are facing your last competitive round for a while and you know it, is there anything about this knowing like after this I'm done for a while?**

**FRED COUPLES:** No. I mean, maybe 100 years ago I would look at a tournament like this as my last one for a year, but that's kind of even made up, too. No, I never thought about -- I just wanted to finish. I got here on Wednesday night. I just felt like, yeah, and I feel pretty good. I felt better standing here before, but I'll be sitting down here in a minute and I'll be on my way home. But it's good to be four rounds and feel like today was maybe my strongest day.

**Q. I have a Masters question for you. Do you keep your yardage books going back a while?**

**FRED COUPLES:** I've never gotten a yardage in 38 years on Tour, not one time. Never had a yardage book in my pocket. I rely on my caddies, that's why they get paid. If I start paying myself, then I'll have a book right here. I've never, ever gotten the yardage, not one

time. I have no yardage books. If I was on Let's Make a Deal and they asked me a million dollars for a yardage book, I would look like an idiot. But he has them all, and he goes, he'll grab -- if we're playing two weeks early, he'll grab two books. He told me. I've never seen them. Or we buy a new one every week, but I don't have any.

**Q. A good couple rounds, a magnificent 9 under today, finished way up the leaderboard. How did you find the course different today than the first two rounds, or you differently?**

**FRED COUPLES:** No, I was way better today.

**Q. Why?**

**FRED COUPLES:** Well, I drove the ball in most of the fairways and I putted really, really well. Yesterday I was horrible on the greens. I didn't play particularly bad for a course like this. I mean, I wasn't going to shoot 4 under, but over par, there aren't many guys shooting over par. I played better than that, but I don't even know if I made a putt yesterday, whereas today I made a bunch of them, and I putted okay the first day, too. So it was a good day. I drove it long and straight and the course seemed short, and when I hit some good wedges, I made birdies.