



**PHIL MICKELSON**

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**Q. (No microphone.)**

**PHIL MICKELSON:** Spectacular. It's in phenomenal shape and fun to play. A lot of water, but a lot of birdie opportunities and some really tough holes, too. So it's got a really nice mixture.

**Q. PGA TOUR Champions guys lit this place up you. Do you anticipate the Tour doing the same here?**

**PHIL MICKELSON:** They've changed the course quite a bit and have lengthened it, so I don't think it will be that low, but because the greens are receptive, it should be pretty good scoring.

**Q. What do you think about the sports fans here in Minnesota?**

**PHIL MICKELSON:** They're just really nice people. People here are really nice, and I know they're excited because they've got a really good team this year in the Twins. It's fun to see how supported that team is.

**Q. What made you decide to come and take part in this just a couple weeks out from the British?**

**PHIL MICKELSON:** I've got a lot of great memories here and experiences throughout my career, mostly the highlights being the 2016 Ryder Cup at Hazeltine. It's one of those moments that I cherish in my career and being part of that team was very special and getting that win was exceptional.

So I have a lot of really great memories here, and then it goes all the way back to when I played the U.S. Open as an amateur at Hazeltine in '91. So I have just a lot fond memories here and it fit really well into the schedule, and I'm looking to this tournament to get a little bit of momentum heading into the summer stretch now.

**Q. How low do you think they will go?**

**PHIL MICKELSON:** It's hard to say because they do have a converted par 5 into a par 4, there have been a lot of holes lengthened, but because the greens are receptive, I think that that's going to allow you to attack some pins and be a little bit aggressive and make some birdies, but it's not an easy course by any means.

**Q. All depends on how much the wind blows out here?**

**PHIL MICKELSON:** I think that could be a big factor, too. You have to drive the ball reasonably well, but there's a big margin of error around the greens because they're big greens and they're soft. If you drive the ball well, you should be able to get around in par and birdie.

**Q. What do you think it is about Brooks where you put him on the hardest courses and he wins and (inaudible)?**

**PHIL MICKELSON:** I don't have an answer for you. It's just his stretch in the majors is very, very impressive.

**Q. How's your game? How do you feel how you're playing right now?**

**PHIL MICKELSON:** I actually feel pretty good. I had a really good week, I had a nice turn of events. I'm heading in here with a lot of optimism.

**Q. How's the course look this morning? How's it setting up?**

**PHIL MICKELSON:** Yeah, the course is in exceptional shape. Like I say, it's pristine. You can really make a lot of putts because the greens are in perfect shape, and you can get at the pins because they're soft and receptive. So if you drive the ball reasonably well, and even if you hit it in the rough, you can bet the ball stopped on the greens. I think it's playable, but I think it's a fairly long golf course.

**Q. What's your schedule over the next few weeks?**

**PHIL MICKELSON:** So I'll play here and I'll play the British Open, play Memphis and the FedExCup.

**Q. I know you watched soccer on TV, did you get a chance to do anything while you're here?**

**PHIL MICKELSON:** Well, I just got here Monday night. Spent a little time yesterday just practicing. I'll do the same thing later today trying to get ready. I probably won't go out too much, I want to be ready for the event.