

ROUND 1 INTERVIEW
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PHIL MICKELSON (+3)

PHIL MICKELSON: Oh, my goodness. You know, I had seven penalty strokes. You can't do that and compete. It's frustrating because I felt like I was playing well, making some good swings. I made some terrible ones.

But the course is terrific, the greens are rolling great, the fairways are plenty wide. I had seven penalty strokes. You just can't play like that.

Q. Is that frustration stemming from not really knowing the course that well? Not being used to it, I should say?

PHIL MICKELSON: No, just hitting some terrible shots, just missing it where you can't.

Q. What did you have on that second shot on 18 in the water, what did you have to the green?

PHIL MICKELSON: I had 194. I tried to hit kind of a little cut 6-iron and caught it a little heavy and it didn't have any cut spin and went in the water.

Q. How much will it change things if the wind here keeps picking up?

PHIL MICKELSON: Well, it's not -- I mean, yeah, it might make it a little bit more difficult, but the greens are very receptive and they're rolling true.

I'm a big fan of this new rule that we have being able to tap down spike marks, and I think here where the greens are soft, it makes a world of difference on those six, seven, 10-footers that you really need to make and being able to have a smooth surface. So tomorrow when you come out in the afternoon rounds, I'll have a good opportunity to get it going.

Q. What's the plan for tomorrow?

PHIL MICKELSON: Well, I've got to go low. I've got to go shoot something in the mid 60s just to be here for the weekend.

Q. Do you feel you can eliminate the problem with your swing or is it something that you're still searching for?

PHIL MICKELSON: Well, I thought coming in I was swinging well, but today tells me I'm not quite there. Needs a little work obviously.