

**PHIL MICKELSON (-3)**

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**Q. Just your assessment of the day?**

**PHIL MICKELSON:** So I got off to a good start and unfortunately I missed a four-foot birdie putt on 17 and I let it affect me. I hit a bad drive On 18 and made double bogey, and then the rest of the round I just really struggled. But I really like the tournament, I like the golf course, I like everything about being here. I just haven't played -- I've really struggled putting, but otherwise I've played pretty well.

**Q. How would you describe your first (inaudible) on this course, did it affect your game as much as you thought it would?**

**PHIL MICKELSON:** I really like the golf course for my game. I feel that there's enough room off the tee for me to play it and drive it. I like the challenge of the greens for iron shots. I really feel like this is a good golf course for me to play well on. I have played well, I've really struggled putting. It's not that they're tricky, I just am having a hard time getting the ball online and at the right speed.

**Q. Just one of those weeks, right?**

**PHIL MICKELSON:** Yes. I'm just struggling with the putter at the moment, but I played really well other than that.

**Q. As one of the big names in golf, do you feel maybe some sense of obligation maybe, responsibility to come out to this part of the world to help promote the game?**

**PHIL MICKELSON:** To a degree, I am trying to do that more. I'm going to try to play next year maybe in the Middle East, find a tournament to play over there, to go over to Europe besides the British Open maybe and to come over here to Asia at least once. But it's not so much an obligation, it's that I enjoy it. I enjoy playing golf in different parts of the world and meeting new people and seeing new cultures.