

ROUND 2 INTERVIEW
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FRED COUPLES (-9)

Q. A little bit of a battle, but it was tricky out there, wasn't it?

FRED COUPLES: It was good and then sloppy at the end. (Inaudible) the shots that I was hitting. On one hole I made bogey. Scott ripped a drive and had a wedge and I pushed my drive into the wind and had 175. So it was a hard second shot there and that's the only bogey I made in two days. But I putted pretty well and I moved the ball around the course the back nine and I'm very satisfied. I feel like I'm hitting the ball pretty solid. It was an awkward wind. We don't usually -- you've played here a ton -- get this kind of a wind, so the holes played hard, and it was nice to par 18, too.

Q. You'll be at or near the lead. We've been talking about you've won a lot of golf tournaments, been a little bit of time since you've had one. Your mindset going into tomorrow, because you have won golf tournaments, you know how to win, sometimes we forget how to get in that position.

FRED COUPLES: No, I'm in great shape. I really didn't look at the board much. I think I was 10 under and someone else was 10 under and they had some holes to go.

Yeah, I haven't won in a while. I've won a few tournaments and I've 0 lost a lot of them, so tomorrow is just really another day, you've got to go out and have a really good round. There's going to be four or five, six other guys doing the same, so we'll see what happens.

Q. Obviously another good one for you?

FRED COUPLES: Yes. It was a little slow starting and then Scott and I both got into a little bit of a rhythm and I made a couple more birdies than he did. And then at the end he played some really, really good golf.

For me, there was a nice stretch of seven or eight holes and then the last four or five I really hung in there to make some good pars out of the sand. But it played hard. There was a lot of hard shots out there. I hit most of them kind of where I was looking in the wind and when I missed it, I was in a pretty good spot.

Q. Particularly on 17 and 18 out of the bunker was really nice.

FRED COUPLES: Seventeen was 155 and he ripped a 6-iron and came up short, so I hit a 5 and I maybe got up a little too high, but it was a pretty easy bunker shot. And 18, beautiful drive, I couldn't follow his drive. I had 165 to the hole out of the rough and I figured if I missed it to the right, I'm better off than anywhere else and I got it up and down.

Q. Just spot on tomorrow?

FRED COUPLES: Tomorrow, I don't really know where I stand or where I will stand, but I'll be up there. If it's this hard of a wind, someone could shoot 4 or 5 under and win. If it's calmer, it might take 6 or 7 under. It's like that every year almost every week.

Q. Were you in any pain today?

FRED COUPLES: No, just stiff. I'm always like that.

Q. I couldn't tell.

FRED COUPLES: You just don't ever get loose. This is the seventh day in a row I've actually played, so that's a lot.

Q. You need a break.

FRED COUPLES: I'm going to get one tomorrow.