

PHIL MICKELOSON (-10)

Q. Phi, generally, how would you sum up the week heading into next week?

PHIL MICKELOSON: I enjoyed the week. I always enjoy it here. I enjoy the golf course and I thought it was a really nice setup because the greens are similar to what we're going to have for U.S. Open, maybe a little slower, but same grass. The fairways are tighter than what we'll have, but the rough wasn't as bad. So I go in not as beat up as I would be if the rough was brutal. I thought it was really a fun week and a good chance to kind of work on my game and prepare a little bit.

Q. Nice way to close it out with that final nine.

PHIL MICKELOSON: Yeah, I played better on the back and hit some better shots. I'll head over to Winged Foot and see if I can put it together.

Q. Obvious question, how ready do you feel you are? What part of your game is --

PHIL MICKELOSON: I'm not going to be my sharpest; otherwise, I would be up on the leaderboard and in contention. I've got some things to work on, but it's not far off.

Q. What kind of things to work on?

PHIL MICKELOSON: I've got to drive the ball well, my short game needs to get sharp, putting needs to get sharper on faster greens. Lag putting, that's going to be a big key. All those things.

Q. How much, if any, of the accuracy misses this week was tinkering or how much was just was a tough week to get it in those narrow fairways?

PHIL MICKELOSON: So the first two days I really didn't strike it well and then I hit some decent shots on the back nine and the misses weren't as bad.

Q. I went back and reread, you talked about you hadn't been missing it left, but all but 10 of the misses were --

PHIL MICKELOSON: So this week I missed it left. The last couple of months I haven't. The last couple of months I've been missing it more to the right and not worried about the left and the left crept in again. For years I missed it left. I haven't been fearing that at all lately, but this week I missed it left, which is not -- that's not good. I can deal with missing it right now, but not left.

Q. Does it help you to get in the mindset of having to scramble this week?

PHIL MICKELSON: Maybe. I mean, there's a lot of things you could take positive out of it. There's a lot of things I was able to work on; you know, short game, chipping, bunker play was good. That was probably the highlight was my bunker play was good.

I actually putted okay. I putted okay from short distance. There was some positives, too, so it's not that far off. It's not a complete mess, but I'm not striking it the way I've been striking it the last few months. It's not far off, but it's got to click in the next few days.

Q. Do you expect a traditional U.S. Open where the whole key is keeping it in the fairway? The rough sounds like it's going to be really penal.

PHIL MICKELSON: Yes, I think so. I mean, that's kind of the history of Winged Foot, the rough's always been bad. I hear it's really rough and thick.

And the greens are challenging, there's a lot of contour on them. They were designed back in the early 1900s when they were supposed to roll 7 on the stimpmeter and now they are rolling 14, so they're very challenging as well. There's no give-up, there's no letup, there's nothing easy about the golf course.

Q. I guess the multitude of things with your storied career is you've been able to turn things around quickly, whether it be driving, whatever, many times before, so that gives you confidence that you're able to do that?

PHIL MICKELSON: So I've won a major winning the week before, I've won a major missing the cut the week before. You just don't know how it's going to be. Right now I'm right in between. I've got a little bit of work to do, but again, it doesn't feel far off. And I actually have had some nice breakthroughs in the last year and I feel like I'm on the precipice of playing really well, but I've got to let it click here.

Q. What do you think about your 75 to 1 odds for the U.S. Open?

PHIL MICKELSON: I'm not a gambling man, so I wouldn't know.