

ROUND 2 INTERVIEW
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PHIL MICKELSON (-10)



Q. Phil, long day of golf, but you made it in at minus 10. Just your thoughts.

PHIL MICKELSON: It's really a great golf course and it was in great shape and the grounds crew did a great job of getting it playable. Having carts makes playing 36 a lot easier. I certainly enjoyed the day and don't feel all beat up like we normally would. I thought it went okay. I let a lot of shots go and I'm going to go work on it now, but I'm in a good position heading into tomorrow and hopefully I'll put together a good round.

Q. Phil, could I just ask you about some of the scrambling today like 2 and 6? There were just several shots I saw where you did that very well.

PHIL MICKELSON: Yeah, I drove the ball much better after the first 18, after the first five or six holes I started driving the ball well. And the back nine or the second round I hit a few loose ones and had to scramble to salvage some strokes. But I still let four or five go just on that back nine just with the putting and I've got some things to work on.

But I haven't played -- I haven't competed in the last three weeks, so it was a good first day. It was a little rusty, I was 2 over through five, I was a little rusty starting out. Some things to work on, but it's a good day for me to be able to identify what I need to work on.

Q. What is it you need to work on?

PHIL MICKELSON: I've got to drive the ball well, I've got to putt the ball with a little bit more authority. Iron play was okay, but I hit a few loose ones, but iron play was okay. Hit some good short irons. I just have to sharpen things up.

Q. Will you stay in attack mode?

PHIL MICKELSON: I'm trying, man. I'm trying to attack. I'm trying to hit drivers and get after this course, but I let -- it's hard to do from the rough. I let a few wayward shots get away from me. Then when I hit a great drive like on 9 and all I've got to do is hit a solid 3-wood on the green and kind of flail it and didn't make birdie, so I threw away a shot there. I've just got to be sharper.

Q. You told us on Thursday one of the things you like about here is being in the thick of things and being in contention, and you've got another opportunity tomorrow.

PHIL MICKELSON: It is, it's fun to be in contention. It's fun to have a chance to try to win a tournament. It's fun to feel that nervousness and I'm looking forward to tomorrow's round.