

PHIL MICKELSON

Q. Phil, probably a frustrating round for you today. Can you just talk us through what was going on out there?

PHIL MICKELSON: Yeah. I'm pretty frustrated. I am enjoying coming back here and playing, and I am -- I feel like I'm playing a lot better than I'm scoring. So I am extremely frustrated. I made one mental lapse yesterday and today, both caused out of bounds, and on holes where you shouldn't hit it out. And I'm just down. I'm just a little bit down, because I want to play well here so bad and be here, but we've got one more round. I'm going to come out tomorrow and play as well as I can and see if I can get a little bit of momentum and make a move.

Q. Our digital team was curious if you could walk us through that 15th hole. Was that when you ended up in the water?

PHIL MICKELSON: Yeah. So I hit a really good drive, I mean, right at the red stake that I wanted. And, I mean, I landed a yard or two from it, and it hit the hill and rolled back into the -- backwards into the water. Landed in the fairway. And I tried to hook a 5-iron out of there. I was dreaming a little bit, thinking I might get it close to the green, but I was trying. Anyway, it ended up fine. I hit a really good L wedge from 75 yards, I mean, as good as I could hit it. It landed 3 feet from the cup on the right side of the hole, and it landed in the side of a divot and it shot dead left and the spin took it 20 feet away. And it was frustrating. I thought I might have made another birdie from the mud. I couldn't hit that wedge shot any better. I thought I would be a tap-in, and it ended up 20 feet and I missed it.

Q. Two good shots on 15 and end up in the mud (inaudible) --

PHIL MICKELSON: Yeah, karma. I'm not doing -- I'm doing something wrong. So I got to fix that. I don't know what to say. I hit two really good shots that have both ended up in the water. I can easily play more left, but then I can't get there. Then I can't get that second shot there. And I'm trying to make a 4. So I'm going to have to take some chances tomorrow. But I have been driving the ball really well and giving myself L wedge after L wedge, and I have not made any birdies with it. It's really frustrating me. And today I hit actually some pretty good shots. They just weren't ending up close.

Q. You needed new shoes yesterday. You're going to have to get a new shirt now.

PHIL MICKELSON: Yeah, this one is about done, too. It's that darn 15th hole. But I

have had some good moments there in the past, too, so no complaints.

Q. You seemed like you were burning a lot of edges today. You were hitting good shots, just -- you just missing the read, or what was going on?

PHIL MICKELSON: I really don't know what to say other than it just was fractionally off the whole time. And I don't know what to say. Because I thought I hit a lot of good shots that just weren't ending up close and I just wasn't able to score. I scored terribly today, obviously, and relative to how I play.