

ROUND 1 INTERVIEW
September 14, 2018



FRED COUPLES (-3)

Q. Fred, what was it like coming back to Warwick Hills today?

FRED COUPLES: It was great. The course was in fantastic shape and, you know, I played okay. I didn't make many birdies the first 10 holes, actually I was 1 over, and then I started to roll it a little bit so I had a good day. It is nice, I've been looking forward to coming here for almost a year since they announced it.

Q. Do you feel like there's a little rust on your game with this being just your sixth tournament or is that really even a factor at this point?

FRED COUPLES: No, no, there's a lot of rust, but when I get the little tricky shots that I don't maybe play as well as I would like because you don't have many of those, but standing on a tee and driving it or hitting 8-irons, all that's okay. But the rust is not much fun, but this is the way it's got to be. It would be nice to play 10 or 12 times, but this is my sixth event and it's as good as it gets.

Q. How did the crowds treat you today?

FRED COUPLES: Crowds are great. They were great 20 years ago, they were great today and they'll be great tomorrow.

Q. How nice is it to get in a rhythm there coming down the stretch, hoping to carry that momentum into tomorrow?

FRED COUPLES: Well, you know, I was in last place there for a while at 1 over, so the rhythm had better have started, otherwise it'd be no fun. But I got going and made a nice putt on the 11th hole, and then I birdied two of the shorter holes, 12, 13, 14, and I birdied -- it was a good day.

Q. What do you feel like you learned from that front nine that you can take into tomorrow to hopefully play it a little better?

FRED COUPLES: Well, I didn't play that well on the front, but I had a lot of 40-footers, 30-footers. I've got to hit better irons. I drove the ball really, really well. New driver, that was a big deal. I picked up a few yards. If I can do that tomorrow and hit my irons better, I should be in the 60s again, so just keep plugging along.