

ROUND 2 INTERVIEW
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FRED COUPLES (-9)



Q. Bogey-free round. I heard you say your irons were really working well for you today.

FRED COUPLES: Yeah, I hit a lot of very good irons and it was an easy 7 under, I'll say that. I know what I shot. But really the only bad shot I had was on the 10th. It was probably the easiest shot I had, it was a 100-yard sand wedge and I missed the green to the right and I made a really great up-and-down. Then the round just kept going and I made a few birdies in a row and I finished up on 18 with a birdie.

Q. Do you enjoy playing this course? You've played a lot here in the past.

FRED COUPLES: You know, I'm very disappointed we're not coming back here for us. I didn't qualify last year. I think I played two years in a row. You know, it's one of our better courses, but I understand all that. But hopefully we'll go somewhere for this second playoff event, it will be a great spot. I hear a lot of things. But for me personally, this is a great course. And I'm a California guy, it's a two-hour drive for me, I like that.

Q. You were one of the few guys that scored low today, mostly on the back. Some guys were saying they had seen pins on the back side that they hadn't seen before.

FRED COUPLES: Yeah, there were some darn good ones, and the greens are firm and fast but they're absolutely perfect. So there was a pin on 14 that was brutal and I birdied that. And then 15, it was all the way over that par 3, which no one likes, and both Doug and I both birdied there. So I felt like I really got going.

I did not birdie 16, which I consider it to be a pretty darn good three-shot hole. You have three par 5s, but they're kind of quirky in their own sense, so I birdied two of them and then I birdied a par 3, which you don't usually do on some of these par 3s. I also birdied the eighth hole from about 220 with that pin, so I picked up a couple shots. But I would agree with the guys, there were some dicey pins.

Q. Are you excited to go chase one tomorrow?

FRED COUPLES: Yeah. You know, I mean, I didn't know I was going to shoot 65 today or 7 under. What did I shoot, 65? Okay, thank you. Tomorrow will be a fun day. It might be my last day of the year and if it is, great, but I'm going to go out and try and play the best round I can.