

ROUND 2 INTERVIEW: FRED COUPLES (-6)
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Q. Despite a hiccup at the end, really a dazzling Fred Couples round out there today. As you woke up today, what was the mindset coming out on day two.

FRED COUPLES: To shoot a better score than yesterday. You know, I love this course, I play it very well. Yesterday was maybe a few wedges that weren't very good, and then I looked at it, in all that wind, if I just would have hit a couple normal shots, I really should have shot 70. So today I thought if I can shoot in the 60s, kind of move up the leaderboard and see what's going on. Then I started to play really well, made a long putt on 8, birdied a couple par 5s, and then I needed to hit it in the fairway on the last hole. It's hard to judge out of this rough, especially when you're into the wind. Downwind is a little easier. I just rolled it back in and the chip was way faster than I thought.

Q. Our running conversation is seeing you out here on the Champions Tour, and last year you played in some events. How do you gauge that, Fred, as far as when we will actually see you in competition?

FRED COUPLES: Well, you know, if I'm feeling well, I will play. I'm planning -- I've already X'd out a lot of tournaments to play. An X for me is put an X where I'm going to go, not X'd out like I'm not going to go. So I'm hoping to play about 12 Champions Tour events. I feel pretty good. Yesterday I felt great. Today I'm a little stiffer as I keep playing, but this is like a -- I practiced a little bit at home five straight days in a row. So I'm getting to the point where I don't think I'm going to hurt myself, I'm just going to get really stiff and I'll go home and relax. But I'm planning on playing. I really need to start playing a little more.