

The Senior Open presented by Rolex

Quick Quotes

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Fred Funk

Q. What was the strength of your round?

FRED FUNK: I drove the ball really good, so that's kind of what you've got to do is keep it out of those bunkers. The couple of times I got a little astray, it cost me a couple shots here and there. But overall, it was really good. I hit the ball a lot better than I have been. My back freed up.

I had to withdraw the last tournament. I came over here thinking I may not be able to play. I was playing Gary Player's tournament on Monday at Wentworth and I knew I didn't want to pull out of that and leave them hanging. I came here thinking -- and I didn't barely play on Monday. I barely played on Tuesday. I didn't play yesterday, and then this morning I felt good.

Then it got tight as I was coming in, but it was still free enough to swing. I was very optimistic, and I was really in a really good mood because my back felt good this morning. So it was the first time I've been able in probably a month to kind of let it go. It paid off. I drove the ball really well. Hit a lot of good irons and I hit a lot of good up-and-downs here, too, so it was good?

Q. A golf course you would have played a lot over the years, and demands accuracy. You've been one of the greatest drivers for a couple of decades. What does that do to your confidence, coming to a location like this?

FRED FUNK: Well, this is the first time I've played it. So I never played this one. I don't know how I missed this one. Everybody said how great a driving golf course it is, and you get rewarded if you can keep it out of the mess that's out there.

So I'm surprised that I haven't been here and how good it is. I just hope I'll be physically free to swing, and if I can do that and just have fun, hopefully the next three days. To me, everything's a bonus right now. I mean, the fact that I'm under par after one round is great, but every day's been totally different. So we'll see how it goes, and I just want to enjoy the week and enjoy being over here.

