ROUND 1 INTERVIEW February 14, 2020

FRED FUNK



Q. Don't have to make a plane today.

FRED FUNK: No, I played really solid. I got up and down a few times when I -- on 18. I just kept momentum going. So it was good. It's the kind of course that gives you a lot of opportunities if you hit it well. And making no bogeys was nice, especially after the way I played in Morocco. I couldn't get up and down to save my butt there, so -- anyway, it was good, good and solid.

It's the kind of course that's conducive to really good scores, and I think we're going to see that all week, with the weather we're going to have.

Q. Was there a -- any point in the round that was kind of a turning point?

FRED FUNK: Really I haven't been putting very good, and I put my old putting grip on. I had been trying the claw and all this other stuff. On the third hole I decided -- I missed a short one on 2, and on the third hole I decided to try what I used to do my whole life, and I made a nice putt there and it got me going a little bit. And I birdied -- made a couple nice puts on 4 and 5 -- or not 4 and 5 -- 5 and 6. So I was three under through five, and I felt really good about that.

Q. You went to the claw?

FRED FUNK: No, I went back to conventional.

Q. Did you play here last year?

FRED FUNK: No. I was hurting.

Q. Hurt?

FRED FUNK: I was very hurt.

Q. What was hurt?

FRED FUNK: My back.