#### **FRED FUNK**



**FRED FUNK:** It was good. I played really solid. I'm really pleased with the way I'm playing. And I was -- I had one little stretch there where I didn't trust -- I didn't trust, I just didn't commit to my golf swing, and I made my only bogey of the week on 14. It was playing really -- as difficult as that hole might play, it's straight into the wind, with the water left, and I just kind of bailed out on it right. It left me a long shot in, and I just ended up making bogey. And that was discouraging. And then I just said, the rest of the way in, let's commit. At least commit to hitting it.

And then 17 I hit a really good drive and I'm in the middle of a divot, and -- a hardpan divot, and end up hitting a great shot out of there. And then I hit probably one of the best drives I've hit all week on 18 and I'm in a divot again. And I couldn't go for the flag. I wasn't going to go for that flag anyway, but I had to play away from it.

So, anyway, overall, long story short, it was really good. I'm real pleased with where I am, especially dealing with all the stuff I have been dealing with health-wise.

## Q. How is your health? Are you feeling good?

**FRED FUNK:** I feel okay. Every day is different. My back is overall a lot better. I usually don't have the nerve pain. Today that nerve pain fired up again on 13, for some reason, going right down my hip and into my leg. And killing me right now. But it's been a lot better. It's been a lot more functional. When I had that nerve pain the last two years, it completely shut me down. And I'm scared to death of it, because I know what it means if it pops back up. So I don't want it to come back. I can play with pain, I can't play with that nerve pain, so --

#### Q. Pretty cool to have a chance to win the tournament.

**FRED FUNK:** Oh, yeah, yeah. I don't even know -- well, I'm sure I'm right there. Is there anybody at 11?

## Q. Leaney is 12, and Langer is 11.

**FRED FUNK:** Just -- it's unbelievable. They just kept doing it. He had the freaking yellow shirt all day, it's like a caution light in front of us all day.

#### Q. Can we just get one more thought from you?

FRED FUNK: All right, yeah.

# Q. Just one thought on -- you have a chance to be the oldest to win on PGA Tour Champions at 63.

FRED FUNK: Is that true?

Q. Yeah.

**FRED FUNK:** Wow, that's unbelievable. That would be awesome. Although that will be broken once Bernie gets to be 63, so I might as well get it. If I can beat him tomorrow, that would be great. No, that would be awesome.

I was one of the few guys that won in their 50s on the regular tour, so I'm pretty proud of that. Winning The Players as old as I was, that was pretty cool. So I had some really good longevity. But I tell you, these last three years have been -- two and a half years have been brutal.

So that would be astounding, I would love that. That would be great. There might be some major tears shed if that happens tomorrow. It would be pretty emotional for me, because I have been -- and all of us have been through a lot of stuff, but, man, it's been really tough. I thought my career was over last year for sure. And just doing everything I can just to get ready to play every day now. So it's usually long nights and long mornings, stretching.

## Q. All right. We'll let you get out of here.

FRED FUNK: All right.