

INTERVIEW TRANSCRIPT: FRED COUPLES
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(Interview in progress.)

FRED COUPLES: But on 17 and 18, easiest shot in the world and instead of cutting it, I hit a pull. So that club, I made par on 13 somehow, but it killed me on 18 not to make birdie from there. But it is what it is and come out tomorrow and try and -- I need to make more birdies. Even if I didn't play bogey-less, birdie on 18, 4-under is way better than 3-under and you can ask yourself when you throw away strokes, people say oh, you'll get it back, you just can't get them back, especially when you have guys at 5- or 6-under. I'm not saying I should have been 6-under, but I should have easily been one more better than what I shot.

Q. Your two best shots were probably the rescue shots?

FRED COUPLES: Yeah, and then on 15 I decided to not hit a rescue and try and hit 3-iron as hard as I could and I just fatted it and I struggled to make par there. That's what my caddie said, you hit it perfect all day and I just felt like it was a little too much. The hazard is two yards over the green.

Q. I mean the bail-out shots.

FRED COUPLES: Yeah. I've got to shoot lower. I'd like to shoot -- I don't know what I've shot on this course, my lowest score.

Q. When you hit the first tee shot, any flashbacks?

FRED COUPLES: No, but I had them on the range. I was putting myself through stress. That's the time that does it (inaudible) and I'm thinking, oh, my God, I don't feel good. But yeah, I think if you came up here and you tore -- if you're a basketball player or football player, the next time you come play. Yeah, it was definitely on my mind on the range. It wasn't yesterday but it was today, but it was more laughable, too. I'm tired now, but I can get through a couple more tournaments, I hope.

Q. I wondered if you went to pick up your tee and wonder if you're going to come back up again?

FRED COUPLES: I should just leave the tee. No, I feel pretty good.