

ROUND 1 INTERVIEW
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PHIL MICKELSON (E)

Q. So how would you assess your round out there today?

PHIL MICKELSON: I had a great few days heading into this week, I was hitting it so good. Then I got very jumpy and anxious today and kind of lost my rhythm and kind of hit it all over the place. Shot even par, which is actually a mini victory because the way I hit it, it should have been a lot worse. But I feel like it's so close that there's a good chance after a morning session tomorrow that I come out and play a really good round on the North because it's very close.

Q. Is there any reason for the jumpiness or anxiousness?

PHIL MICKELSON: Just excited and anxious knowing that I'm playing well and that I've got speed and I'm hitting shots. I just got -- my rhythm got way too quick and started hitting it everywhere.

But I think just like what happened last week, I'm going to start -- where I was very jumpy the first day, I think I'm going to start to hit the ball a lot better because I've had a great three days heading into this week and I just got overly excited.

Q. Think you have a low one on the North Course coming?

PHIL MICKELSON: I do. If I can just be patient and hit it the way I've been hitting it, I think it's going to be a good round and a good rest of the tournament.

Q. Do you want to talk about what happened on 18 when you hit the tent?

PHIL MICKELSON: You know, I hit a good drive and I flushed that 3-wood and it was 50 yards offline. You know, I was just trying to hit it hard to get over that water. I mean, I just hit it so far offline, went all the way over the green, all the way over to one. I had a pretty good break and I had a very good shot from where I was at and I didn't hit it great. It rolled all the way down the front and made par, but I'm fine with that. I just need to get in, take a break and figure this out and then come out tomorrow and be sharp.

Q. You've played here a long time. How often have you seen a fog bank roll in like the one when you were on the course?

PHIL MICKELSON: Every other year, 50/50. We've had a lot of fog delays here over the years and we were lucky that that was such a short lived one. It was fine. It just felt like Torrey seeing that fog come in.

Q. I want to know what it's like for you to be playing with Rickie from Murietta and then with Xander, who's also local, SDSU grad.

PHIL MICKELSON: Yeah, I like those two a lot. They're two of the nicest guys out here and very good, solid golfers. It's always fun, very enjoyable to play with those two. Watching them swing, watching them play, they do a lot for the game.