

PHIL MICKELSON

Q. What kind of went off at the turn? You got hot after the tenth hole?

PHIL MICKELSON: Yeah, I felt like I was hitting some good shots on the front nine, but they weren't quite going the right distance or just weren't quite working out and then the back, when I made that eagle putt, I went on a nice little tear, birdieing the next two. And I thought -- I don't know, I'm having a lot of fun. I had a lot of fun. And I hit some good shots. With the exception of that one bad tee shot on 16 that led to a bogey, I drove it pretty well, and that allowed me to play much more aggressively on the course.

Q. As well as you have played the last couple days, do you still feel like you have left a couple birdies out there both days?

PHIL MICKELSON: Sure. I'm sure we all do. I had a bunch of good looks today, and -- but I get a chance to come out here and play tomorrow. And I'm really enjoying the golf course, so it's a fun opportunity to try to go low again and try to shoot the number that I feel I'm capable of. And but yet the first two rounds have been pretty good.

Q. What is it about the course that puts in you a good frame of mind?

PHIL MICKELSON: It allows a lot of different ways to play it. It allows me to be aggressive and hit drivers. Of course, if I hit some off line, there's a lot of trees and jungle, but it allows me to play aggressive. And the greens are challenging because they softly roll away, but if you get it on there, you have good looks. You have good chances to make good putts.

Q. Did the wind affect your shots today?

PHIL MICKELSON: Yeah, the wind certainly played a factor. And I think everybody had to deal with it, made it a little bit more difficult. But because of the rain yesterday, the course was a little softer and it was easier to stop the ball on the green than when we first started yesterday, before the rain. The ball was releasing more. So we were able to attack the pins and get the ball stopped a lot quicker.

Q. What are you going to have to do tomorrow? The guys from the Champions Tour don't just fly down.

PHIL MICKELSON: No, they're -- and they're playing some good golf, so I have to keep

doing the same thing, and playing aggressive, driving the ball in play, and hit some good iron shots and give myself some putts and hopefully make some.

Q. What do you think it's going to take tomorrow?

PHIL MICKELSON: It's hard to say. But what I'm focusing on is these first two rounds, I felt like I played well, the scores were fine, but I feel like I have a really low one in me, and I want to go try to shoot that number.

Q. What did you hit into 13?

PHIL MICKELSON: 7.

Q. 7-iron? What was the number?

PHIL MICKELSON: I had 195 hole.

Q. Okay. And that -- actually, that eagle have -- a whole a lot of golf courses that have a hard pan like that off 18, and they got some areas around here. When you got an iron shot, what -- what's the danger in those? What can happen if you don't really catch it well?

PHIL MICKELSON: Usually you will catch it a -- you're trying to catch it a groove low on the face, right? So that you don't hit it fat. And that mean the ball's going to launch a little lower, spin a little bit more and usually come up about five or six yards short. So really the biggest challenge is just playing for that.

Q. And 15 feet from that lie is pretty good, isn't it?

PHIL MICKELSON: I thought I was very -- I had a really fortunate break on 18, because I had a nice lie in tight sand as opposed to being in the rough that was going to jump, so I had a chance to get it close and get the ball stopped.

Q. All right. Thank you very much.

PHIL MICKELSON: Thanks.