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Southern Hills Country Club

Hole #	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Out	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	Out	Total
Yardage	464	488	451	372	653	200	384	245	374	3,631	366	173	458	537	223	413	507	358	465	3,500	7,131
Par	4	4	4	4	5	3	4	3	4	35	4	3	4	5	3	4	4	4	4	35	70
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Quick Quotes From:

PHIL MICKELSON

Q. Can you talk about your round?

PHIL MICKELSON: I shot 3-over today. I was certainly disappointed with the way it finished up. But I feel like I'm playing better than the way I'm scoring. I've just got to turn it around.

Q. How was the heat today?

PHIL MICKELSON: Well, it was tough for everybody. But as difficult as dealing with heat is, I think the golf ball flies a lot straighter; it goes a lot longer. The wind doesn't affect it as much. And so I think that the conditions are actually easier when it's warm like this.

Q. Phil, you got off to such a good start. What was the feeling during the start compared to the rest of the round and was there that much of a difference?

PHIL MICKELSON: I hit a couple of good shots. I made some birdies. And you're going to hit some bad shots and get bogeys here.

You're not going to be able to go all 18 holes and go unscathed. But I definitely made some mistakes. But again, later in the round, where I ended up missing the 4-footer and a couple other 8-, 10-, 12-footers that were pretty makable, that hurt.

Q. Was the shot on the par 3 from the rough that went into the bunker, is that an example of just not knowing what you're going to get out here as far as a lie?

PHIL MICKELSON: What hole is that? What hole are you talking about?

Q. Par 5. Par 3, you were short of the green. I thought it was par 3. Maybe it wasn't. Par 3 short of the green and the bunker; it flopped into the bunker?

PHIL MICKELSON: Oh, 8.

Q. Is that an example?

PHIL MICKELSON: I just got a little cute. I was trying to get it close to make par, because if I didn't get it just over the bunker, it was going to release 15, 20 feet away, and I was likely to get par. I felt if it was going into the bunker, it wasn't going to be a tough up-and-down; so I tried to get it close.

Q. They showed you flexing your wrist on 18. I don't know if you had done much of it before; but did you hurt it particularly on 18, or was it kind of just bothersome at the end of the day?

PHIL MICKELSON: No, it's fine. It's actually doing much better. I just move it around, just keep it loose, I guess.

Q. But no real pain today at all?

PHIL MICKELSON: No. This last week or two has been really good.

Q. All that time living in the desert, does that help on a day like today?

PHIL MICKELSON: It's usually not this muggy and humid; but certainly we don't go outside when it's 110, 120. Although it's only about 100, feels warmer.

Q. Since you were looking forward to this round, the wrist was feeling better, were you disappointed the scoring wasn't better?

PHIL MICKELSON: It is. I'm disappointed I'm not scoring well; but on the other hand, I get to go play in the morning tomorrow. The greens will be softer because the moisture seems to stay in the ground until mid to late morning. And I may get off to a good start, shoot a couple under-par on the backside, my front nine, get it right back to even. If I can do that, I should be in good position going into the weekend.

Q. Should be a little cooler. I don't know if that's the right word, but it won't be as warm. Lot of the guys said as the day goes on, conditions wear down, sometimes you mentally get worn out, make a bad decision?

PHIL MICKELSON: Sure, that's certainly possible, yeah.

Q. With the tough summer that you've had, how close do you feel like you are to where you were, say, in the spring before you got hurt?

PHIL MICKELSON: I felt like last week and this week were going to be pretty good weeks. I thought I was going to play well and score well, because I had been able to practice and work on my game.

I felt like it was really coming around. And so last week's performance was certainly disappointing. And today's round wasn't what I was expecting. I really thought I was going to continue playing the way I did the first four holes.

But, again, I've got three more rounds. If I can get a good round tomorrow, if I could shoot something under-par, I should be in good position going into the weekend.

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