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INTERVIEW WITH FRED COUPLES

FRED COUPLES: We wanted to play since it seemed like an easier shot than it would be tomorrow morning on the par 5. I hit the ball well. I butchered the first hole today and made a bogey, and then turned around and played really well from then. I did birdie at -- I don't know the holes, the 7th hole, par 5 out of the hazard, drove in the right in the dirt and then hit a good iron out of there and then hit a sand wedge to about 8 feet and made birdie. But other than that, I had a few other birdie putts, but I made them, too. I made one from off the green on 12. Is that a par 5?

Q. Yeah.

FRED COUPLES: Yeah, from about probably 50 feet and most of it was off the green. Then, when it got on the green, it rolled perfectly and went right in.

Q. Is there a reason you tried to putt it?

FRED COUPLES: I wasn't going to chip. No, when you get off these greens, they're so tight and I figured, you know, if I'm going to skin a chip shot, it's going to check or do something crazy, so I just tried to putt it most of the times. And like I saw on 18, that was a terrible putt up that hill. That's a different story. This was flat. It wasn't easy, it could have been

putted 10 feet by and I made par, but it went in and I made eagle.

Q. The chance to win obviously tomorrow, let's talk about that.

FRED COUPLES: Well, I mean, the stock answer to every

time I play well out here, I would like to -- thanks, Jay -- I would like to have a chance to win and I'm not going to do this every week, I'm smart enough to know that. So yeah, my answer would be I like playing with these guys. It's all great. And if I go out and play well tomorrow, I mean, I watched Ronnie Black hit the ball better than I did today, he just didn't putt as well. And of course Dan Forsman has won before, so I watched those guys. And of course Bernhard Langer is making a move, and Mike Goodes and everybody. So you've got to keep birdieing holes, and if I can go out there tomorrow and get this lead and kind of get in cruise control, you've got to keep plowing away. But my goal is to win on this Tour and the sooner the better. I like playing well, and if I don't win, that's not a problem either.

Q. You learned a lesson probably from Tom last month and you're just going to keep the pedal down.

FRED COUPLES: Well, that was 22 under so that was a little bit different, and the two shots he hit on the

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Last two holes were incredible. I mean, I played the safe shot in that tournament on the 17th hole and he whipped a 6 iron at the lava rocks to about 10 feet, so that was pretty impressive. And on 18, you know, he hit an unbelievable shot and he hit and it rolled and rolled and rolled. If you ask him, it might have been better that his ball just trickled through the fairway in the rough. Because the shot he had, he hit perfectly, but it rolled all the way up there stiff. Today, you know, I played well, so when you lose a tournament to Tom Watson or Mike Goodes, to me it's irrelevant. I lost to

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Greg Norman a lot and I lost to other guys that maybe I thought was the better player, but the better player wins. And this thing, they've got a lot of guys who win tournaments out here because they play good and they play a lot. That's my goal, to play a lot so I play like this. If I don't, I'll come out here and I won't play as well for sure.

Q. Thanks. Good luck tomorrow.

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