

**ROUND 3 INTERVIEW**  
**August 22, 2021**

**FRED COUPLES (-4)**



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**Q. That was a hell of a shot, huh?**

**FRED COUPLES:** Yeah, it was fine, it was fine. I went to the Seahawks last night and maybe that got me off to that start. Just saw (indiscernible) down there and I thought he was still playing. He looks like a child, did you see him? I'm like, thought he retired a couple years ago.

I will say this, I will say this, there was more people around 18 than I was expecting, which is nice. Hopefully when the big boys come up there will be a lot of people there because, you know, everyone I talk to, they love this tournament. And they're teasing me a little on the range, it's August 22nd and I had a coat on and a jacket warming up. It could be worse.

**Q. Happy to be here for the week as always?**

**FRED COUPLES:** Yeah, yeah. And I'll come up probably watch a little hockey, come up and spend -- if they play a couple games in the row because I know a couple people. Well, Irving Azoff so he's going to come up a lot, and I love hockey, so hopefully I'll come and watch the Kraken play a little.

**Q. You mentioned wanting to get off to a hot start. When you didn't, did that change your --**

**FRED COUPLES:** Well, I mean, hot starts, you always want to shoot whatever you can shoot and I just was mediocre. And then I had like easy shots. I don't know whatever hole I made 6. Just hit it on the green and it funnels down to the hole and I hit a beautiful drive and I just pulled an iron and then crap this big and I couldn't get it out twice and made a double bogey there with an 8-iron from -- all you had to do was hit 40 feet right of the hole. So stupid stuff like that.

But on the other hand, I didn't completely embarrass myself, I just was not very sharp. And I don't know if I've had a month -- I practiced pretty hard, but when you're screwing around it's a lot different than when you start looking at flags and picturing shots, so I was pretty rusty.

**Q. Happy with a shot like that, though?**

**FRED COUPLES:** Right. I shook it in, too. Next year. Isn't that what they say, next year?