

# Travelers Championship

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TPC River Highlands

Cromwell, Connecticut, USA

## Phil Mickelson

### Quick Quotes

**Q. Phil, three birdies on the last four holes. How would you assess that closing stretch there to get to 2-under?**

PHIL MICKELSON: It was a good one. I mean, I'm happy that I have a chance to play the weekend. I'm not scoring the way I need to on some critical holes, namely No. 13 on the back, and 15. Need to play those holes 4-under par. Played them 2-over. Those six shots, that's the difference.

So I've got to do the simple things well, and I ended up doing the hard things, sure birdieing three of the last four to make the cut. But I'm excited to play, and I need a couple more rounds. Gosh, it's a course that we saw with Jim Furyk you can get hot, make a move.

Hopefully I'll have a chance to play early and play some good golf.

**Q. Were there thoughts when you got back to 1-over, obviously thinking about the cut?**

PHIL MICKELSON: I mean, I was 1-under for the tournament, even for the day making the turn. Bogeying 1 and 2 is just pathetic. They're two birdie holes. Easy, short wedges in, and I hit two bad drives and ended up making two bogeys.

Gosh, after that I thought -- or I knew I was in trouble cut-wise, because there were some holes back into the wind that were going to play long, like 4 and 5, and I had my work cut out for me.

There is another two shots you just can't throw away. I'm letting a lot of shots slide, but I have this weekend to work on it, try to build a little bit of minimum, and get my focus and game back to where it's been lately.

**Q. You've been talking about focus for a while. How difficult is it to come off a U.S. Open week and play the following week and just try to get it back going again?**

PHIL MICKELSON: So I rested a couple days and gave



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myself a chance to be prepared and ready. Felt very fresh and ready. Gave myself a few days.

And I knew it was close. I'm hitting a lot of good shots but just a few too many bad ones right now.

**Q. Were you aware of the number you had to get to make the cut?**

PHIL MICKELSON: Most likely going to be two, but could be one. One has got probably a 50/50 chance and then two is 100% in.

**Q. When Bubba is playing well do you feed off that or does it matter?**

PHIL MICKELSON: Not really paying attention. I've got my own struggles going at the time. So it was nice to finish with a good note and have a chance to maybe do something tomorrow.

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