ROUND 3 INTERVIEW July 1, 2023

FRANKIE CAPAN III (-19)



Q. Frankie, solo second on the leaderboard, final grouping tomorrow. How are you feeling after three rounds?

FRANKIE CAPAN III: I feel good. Yeah, I'm excited. I was checking the leaderboard there kind of coming down the stretch, I wasn't sure where anyone was at, but I think it's important getting into that final group and just giving myself as many chances as you can. Looking forward to it.

Q. Back-to-back bogey-free rounds, obviously a lot is working right for you out there. What is going the best for you?

FRANKIE CAPAN III: I don't know, it's hard to -- it's really hard to put it into words. Game just feels solid. I struggled a little bit a couple weeks ago at the U.S. Open, but been kind of just working, working a little bit here, a little bit there, just kind of touching up a few things.

Once you get to this level and are playing all right, you really don't need to overhaul anything or overthink things too much, but just little tweaks kind of here and there. Yeah, things are kind of falling into place so feeling really good.

Q. I know you haven't obviously won this year, rookie season, but from your amateur years, anytime that you won that you can kind of think back to to help you entering the final round?

FRANKIE CAPAN III: Yeah, I think Q-School is something that I leaned on a lot lately especially kind of coming down the stretch playing well and up there towards the lead or in the lead. Yeah, I'll probably be leaning on that a little bit. Had a couple wins in Q-School.

Overall, just at the end of the day it's still golf, so just going out there, doing our best and having a good time.

Q. Only your 13th start I believe this year, a couple top-10s already. Obviously always want to win, but were there any specific goals you set at the beginning of the season?

FRANKIE CAPAN III: I think everyone's goal is to obviously get their PGA TOUR card at the end of the year, but nothing specific. I know if I keep sticking to my process and doing the right things and going about it the right way that everything will fall into place. And if it



doesn't, you always learn from failures. Yeah, just really looking forward to pegging it tomorrow morning. I see we're going a little earlier than usual. Yeah, just excited to get after it tomorrow.

Q. You mentioned the U.S. Open, too. Is there anything that you learned playing the U.S. Open?

FRANKIE CAPAN III: Yeah, I think it's important to, like I said, at the end of the day it's still just golf. There were a little nerves teeing off that first round, but I striped it the first few holes and was playing well. Then had a couple OK shots that didn't get the best of breaks, but at the end of the day that's the U.S. Open.

Yeah, I mean, when you're playing well, especially on this tour, you're good enough to compete with anyone in the world. I think that's what I learned the most being out there. Hitting balls next to Rory and DJ and Bryson, guys like that, all of us or a lot of us can hit it just as good as them. So I think it's all about consistency and putting yourself in the scoring. Like giving yourself more scoring opportunities throughout the round I think is one thing that's important and kind of just managing your misses, and when you're off, just kind of tightening everything up a little bit. I think that's one thing I learned a lot.

Just playing in majors, there's a lot of stuff that goes on off the course that you just kind of have to limit the distractions a little bit. That's one thing I learned a lot as well. But overall just a great learning experience and excited for my next major.

Q. What's the mindset going into tomorrow?

FRANKIE CAPAN III: Nothing crazy, kind of the same thing we've been doing the last couple days. I don't know, just give ourselves as many chances as we can. Target lines, assuming the wind stays similar, it will be pretty similar target lines. I feel like it's a course where you just want to give yourself as many chances as you can and see how many you can get to fall. You get on a roll, you get some momentum, you can make a lot of birdies.

So it should be interesting tomorrow. I haven't checked out the leaderboard too much, but anyone within four or five depending on how -- who's leading, Paul? Is Paul leading? He's leading by one over me. So I don't know, we'll see. I think it's going to be a fun course to play in the hunt because things could change pretty fast with how many birdies you can make. But you still have to hit good shots, and it is possible to slip up. Like I said, excited to get going tomorrow.