

VERITEX BANK CHAMPIONSHIP

ROUND 1 QUOTES

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FRANKIE CAPAN III (-13)

Q. I guess just general emotions right now after a 58?

FRANKIE CAPAN III: Yeah, no, it was a lot of fun out there. I've just -- I think, you know, after the first four, five holes, I just felt really comfortable with my game and where I was at.

You know, I've been putting a lot of work in the last few weeks and really the last few months just trying to dial a few things in. I think it all kind of came together, which was nice today.

And then whenever you're out there playing well and going low, I really just wanted to keep going as much as I could. I know this course might be gettable the next few days, so just tried to get as many as I could.

Obviously shooting 58, the course record and all that, that's cool. I can't say enough, Rusty and I did a really good job of just kind of staying in the present moment. Yeah, like I said, a lot of fun, but we still have three more days. So just kind of taking a lot of positives from today, but taking those into this evening and tomorrow.

Q. When was the first time something like under 60 entered your mind?

FRANKIE CAPAN III: I'd say going to the back nine. When I turned at 6, I knew -- I felt as though the front nine might be a little -- I think the front nine's playing at shorter than the back nine, so you might have a few more birdie opportunities. At the same time, I'm really just still trying to hit every shot, just stay really patient and present out there to where, I mean, I knew it was kind of -- it was on the radar, but I wasn't really focused too much on it.

I actually forgot it was par 71, I thought it was par 72, so when I got to 13 I knew that, OK, there's 59. But, you know, very seldom are you there to where when you're that far under par. I shot 59 before, so I thought, you know, may as well break that.

Then, like I said, I didn't know it was par 71, but was really just trying to birdie 17, 18, but unfortunately didn't get either one. Yeah, made like an eight-foot slider on 18 to shoot 58. It was pretty cool.

Q. What was it like standing over that eight-footer for 58 on 18? Does it compare to any other putt that you've had before?

FRANKIE CAPAN III: Yeah, it was very similar to I had like a 15-footer for 59 on 18.



Actually, I was more nervous on that one just because I've already shot 59 before. I was more nervous on the first one.

But this one, I got kind of a nice read from Braden, he was just below me and his turned a good bit. So I found that not many putts were turning, like they weren't really swinging too hard. I think they're trying to protect them just in case it gets windy and firm, so they're keeping them a little longer than usual. I found that a lot of putts are kind of straighter than what they may seem to be, so that one I knew I had to swing out there a little bit and I was happy it went in.

Like I said, I still thought it was for 59, so when someone said it was for 58, I was excited because I know Scottie Scheffler shot 59, so whenever you can beat that guy, especially nowadays, I mean, you've got to take advantage.

Q. What were some of the shots from today in your mind that sort of stood out? All of them?

FRANKIE CAPAN III: No, there were a lot of good ones. Hit a really nice iron shot on 2, really nice iron shot on 3, good wedge on 4, good wedge on 5, hit a nice shot in on 6, went a little farther than what Rusty and I were thinking, hit a nice tee shot on 7.

I think the funny thing is I look back on my round and I actually didn't capitalize on a lot of the easy holes. Like 1, short par 4, didn't birdie. No. 7, really short par 4, didn't birdie. It's kind of funny, I just was always in the proper spot.

I would say the best shot I hit all day, I had a 7-iron into 9, par 5, and hit it to like four feet. That was probably the best shot I hit just because I was in between clubs and the wind was kind of swirling off the left so was able to kind of flight a 7-iron in and stuff it in there and made eagle. It gave us a nice boost going to the back nine.

Then when I birdied 10, 11, 12, 13, that's when I was like, OK, we've just got to keep going as slow as we can go. Then got, I think, 14, 15, 16 and obviously I don't think I had more than five birdies in a row. To have seven out here, it was just a special round, it was a ton of fun.

Q. Where did you shoot 59 previously?

FRANKIE CAPAN III: It was the final round of high school state championship in Arizona down in Tucson.

Q. New caddie on the bag this week. How cool is it to do that with him?

FRANKIE CAPAN III: Yeah, it was great, first day together shooting 58, it was just exactly how we drew it up.



We drew up 58 today, right?

RUSTY STARK: Say again?

FRANKIE CAPAN III: We were talking last night, we were going to shoot 58 today?

RUSTY STARK: That's what you said.

FRANKIE CAPAN III: No, but it's great. I've heard so many good things about Rusty and had a chance to speak with him and work with him, not in any tournaments. We got to work the last few days just kind of scouting the course.

And then just, I don't know, I think a caddie-player relationship can be kind of fickle. I feel like he did a really good job of learning as much as he could to understand me. At the same time like I want to do my best to portray to him like anything that I like or just have a really good dialogue there. I think that's something that we did really well obviously today, but the last few days was just kind of prep work.

Q. Parents out there, too. Did you notice them doing anything out of the ordinary at one point where you were just like, oh, this is --

FRANKIE CAPAN III: No, they're super cool. No, they don't -- they were pretty even keeled all throughout the round. And I was trying to stay -- like I knew where I was at the whole time out there. I thought it was cool, it was fun, but at the same time like you're hitting those shots -- I think that's the part I fell in love with the most is just enjoying being out there hitting great golf shots. That to me is where I get the most joy.

So instead of thinking about a number or anything like that, I just want to keep hitting great shots. Obviously going lower is a result of just staying present and hitting those great shots.

They didn't do anything special. I think he gave me a thumbs-up. I like one-hopped one off the pin and it was kind of unlucky because it was like 55, 60 yards to where I was going to one-hop and then kind of stop, and it one-hopped, hit the pin and then spun back to like 15 feet. So it was actually a little bit unfortunate, but was able to make the putt so it didn't really matter.

But no, nothing special. They're super cool. I mean, they know I have the ability to shoot scores like this to where I don't think it's too surprising for them, but it is really cool when everything kind of comes together.

Q. We hear the players talk about getting that 5, 6, 7 under number and kind of being comfortable in that moment. Do you work on anything or with anyone to kind of help your mental performance?

FRANKIE CAPAN III: It's funny, no. Like specifically not any mental coach or anything like



that, but just kind of what I've noticed is a lot of times in the past I'd get to 5, 6, 7 under, like you say, and I would just be very comfortable. But at the same time, if you really think about it, like deep down like I was saying earlier is I just love hitting great golf shots. If you throw score out of it, I just want to keep doing that. I think that's one thing that whenever you start going low, it's like why are you here, you love playing golf, you may as well just take advantage of when everything does line up and do your best to go as low as humanly possible.

I think people take those thoughts and turn 'em negative where it's like, oh, my goodness, I'm 11 under, 12 under, 13 under, I'd better not mess it up, as opposed to I looked at it more like, OK, I'm 12 under, we still have four holes left or whatever, we could possibly get to 16, to where like that I feel like for me just sets me up in a -- it just gets me kind of in a zone where I'm able to just keep attacking. Obviously you can't be dumb, but like you still have to hit great shots. I mean, I shot 13 under today and I think I'm leading by two. It's not like it's -- wait, let me check.

Q. Three.

FRANKIE CAPAN III: Three? Yeah, I guess three. So I shot 13 under and I'm leading by three. Like it's out there to where it's like we still have three more days. When I'm playing that hot, I just want to keep going. Trent, he shot 10, he could shoot 10 again tomorrow. Really, just tried to get the most out of it.

Q. What hole was the shot where you're talking it one-hopped off the pin?

FRANKIE CAPAN III: That would have been -- I think it was 13, the one coming up this hill here kind of dogleg, I think it was 13.

Q. Still one of the birdies?

FRANKIE CAPAN III: Still a birdie. One-hopped, hit it, but instead of stopping like close, it still had the spin and it was coming back once it hit it to where then it ripped and went up against the fringe. I was like, really? Like that shot was so good and it just -- now I have a tough putt. I hit it and I hit it a little too firm, but it went in the back in the middle, so it was pretty neat.

