

NATIONWIDE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL CHAMPIONSHIP

ROUND 3 QUOTES
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FRANKIE CAPAN III (-12)

Q. All right, Frankie, great playing through three rounds, currently in the lead. How would you describe, what's your game plan been this week?

FRANKIE CAPAN III: Play smart. You really can't force it around this place. I'm hitting some really good iron shots, which is nice. Yeah, just try and take advantage anywhere you can. Was able to get a few putts to go and finished off with a couple birdies, which is nice.

Q. And then specifically 18, was there like a hole like that -- how do you create the game plan for that early in the week when there's really two starkly different approaches?

FRANKIE CAPAN III: Yeah, the way it was playing on, you know, I think I played it on Wednesday in the pro-am, I hit a good driver and had 80 yards in. Today it was a little downwind and this course is getting incredibly baked out to where my game plan for today was literally hit it as hard as I can. Thankfully, hit it a touch left but got away with it, sitting right there next to the green.

Yeah, it's kind of a fickle hole where if you're able to hit a really good one for me and kind of get it turning around the trees, you can get up close to the green. Yeah, there's a lot of holes like that this week. I think from Monday, Tuesday to now it's playing a lot different. I think some experience playing it last year helps a little bit, but yeah, you can't really -- I mean, it's hard to plan for, it's really getting firm out there.

Q. You've done a lot on this tour, clinched Tour Bound, but have yet to raise that trophy. How much of a goal is that kind of as you wrap up your time on the Korn Ferry Tour?

FRANKIE CAPAN III: Yeah, it's really important for me. Obviously I would like to knock off a W before I move on up next year. Really just trying to take advantage of the moment. Been playing some nice golf, so just looking forward to tomorrow.

Q. I think this has been mentioned, but you know Scottie Scheffler a bit from just growing up and playing a little bit growing up?

FRANKIE CAPAN III: A little, yeah, I played some tournaments with him in Texas a little bit. He's four or five years older than me, so I was in the younger division and he was in the older division, so I've met him before. Then we both live in Dallas so I've seen him out at



Maridoe a few times. Haven't hung out with him in a while, but look forward it very soon.

Q. Was he someone who like when you were little like that you pegged as like he's got all the tools to be successful or was that kind of a little under the radar?

FRANKIE CAPAN III: Not really. You know, I feel like I pay a lot of attention to the guys on the PGA TOUR and when I was growing up he was kind of in college. He was a really good college player and then spent a year, I think a year, maybe two out here. Pretty sure it was just a year.

Yeah, I've looked up to him, but he's not someone that I paid a ton of attention to. I think over the last whatever, 20, 24 months, it's been incredible golf to say the least. It's been fun to kind of look up to him and just listen to his interviews and stuff. I feel like I picked up a lot from him. He seems like a very wise person even though he's, what, 28 or 29 years old. I think whenever you can learn something from a guy like him, he's been tremendously successful at a young age, it's important.

Q. And he's won here, Justin Thomas has won here. There seems to be a correlation between guys who have played well here and would have gone on to play well on Tour. What would be your take on that, any correlation?

FRANKIE CAPAN III: I would say this course is a PGA TOUR-style course. A lot of the courses we played this year, anywhere from 23 to 30 under's winning and out here, leading right now at 12 under and there's a fair amount of guys there 11, 10. You know, it's just a very solid golf course. You have to hit driver out here on most holes and hit really quality shots all around this place to score well. So I think you're able to probably get away with some misses on some of the courses we play throughout the year. At a course like this I think it definitely is more of a PGA TOUR-style course. I don't know, I'm just trying to keep it in front of me and make as many circles as possible.

Q. And the hat today, is that your first time wearing that hat out here?

FRANKIE CAPAN III: No, I've worn it before. I like this hat a lot. My buddy Walter gave it to me, but it was where I played my first U.S. Open was LACC last year. I've worn the white one a lot and figured I'd wear the maroon one today.

Q. I know for a couple weeks you took the driver out of the bag. More confident now? I know you said you took it out because you weren't hitting it that well.

FRANKIE CAPAN III: Yeah, a lot of the courses we played were a little shorter or there was kind of a run-out at 310 to where a lot of holes weren't driver anyways, so I just decided to take it out. At the time I wasn't hitting it that great. I'm not sure if you guys caught a few of them, it wasn't all perfect today but it's been feeling better and better and this is a course where you definitely need it. So.



Yeah, I mean, during the couple weeks we had after Idaho before Nashville I put a lot of work in testing a couple things, but mainly just putting a little work in trying to tighten it up a little bit because I knew I would need it last week, this week and in French Lick.

