

NATIONWIDE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL CHAMPIONSHIP

ROUND 4 QUOTES
September 22, 2024



FRANKIE CAPAN III (-13)

Q. Frankie Capan, winner of the 2024 Children's Hospital Championship. What's it mean to be in the winner's circle out here on the Korn Ferry Tour?

FRANKIE CAPAN III: It feels fantastic. It's been a lot of hard work. You guys have known I've come close a few times, I had several top-5s this year. It really feels nice just to kind of get the monkey off my back if you so say.

Yeah, it was great. I mean, I'm just really happy and blessed to be standing with you here today and just really excited with how my game has progressed from last year to this year and just kind of continuing as this year has gone on.

I've seen a lot more consistency and see myself up in the mix a lot more so it's been a lot of fun.

Q. When you think of like a key club in the bag this week or a key moment, kind of any key to this week, kind of what comes to mind as a specific kind of --

FRANKIE CAPAN III: You know, it's kind of funny because I feel like everything was on at a certain point this week. I felt like I hit -- I didn't hit my driver fantastic today but I hit is really pretty well for most of the day. On the back nine I think I have to look, but I hit the fairway on 10, hit it on 11, just missed on 12 but it was a good spot, hit it on 14. Some of those aren't really all that easy of tee shots. The wind got really swirling there towards the end. Yeah, I mean, today, it was nice. My short game was pretty dialed in to close the last six, seven holes, so that was really nice. You just have to be so precise out here on this course.

Yeah, that putt on 17 was one where once I made that -- I didn't look at the scores really at all. I had a number that I wanted to get to in my head and unfortunately wasn't able to get there. Thankfully it was still enough, but I kind of had a feeling walking up after I hit my tee shot on 18 that no one got to 12. Just based off my caddie, based off his body language I could tell that that was a really big putt on 17. I knew it at the time, so it was pretty cool to make one like that. I haven't had many putts that were as important as that. Just knowing I can make a putt like that downhill sliding right to left under a lot of pressure is fun.

Q. How did you spend this morning?

FRANKIE CAPAN III: Just laid in bed. I didn't do a whole lot. I was up a little later last night because sometimes on these later tee times I actually want to sleep in as late as possible.



Not a whole lot, just kind of on my phone looking at emails. I talked with my girlfriend for a little bit and just went back and forth. You know, not much. I actually had to pack up. I was originally on a flight at 8:10 but I won't be making that. I was packing up and then just ate some food and did a little work out. Kind of really exactly what I did yesterday morning.

Kind of sometimes these late tee times can be difficult just because you have a lot of time in the morning, so I felt like I've done a better and better job of, you know, getting my body feeling how I want it to be by the time I tee it off late in the afternoon.

Q. You touched on it a little bit, but just talk about the growth from last year to this year and like how that adds to how special this moment is for you?

FRANKIE CAPAN III: Yeah, no, it's everything. I mean, these are the moments that we work for. I think I did a lot of learning last year. I failed a lot, so I learned a lot.

Yeah, it was great. I mean, I think for me it's more just kind of putting the pieces together and kind of trying to figure out how they all fit. Was able to get them to fit pretty nicely this week. Yeah, it's been great. It feels tremendous to be here. Yeah, I think for me it's a lot of stuff off the course, too. It's been really important just because this game is to incredibly mental and you have to be in the right frame of mind the entire time when you're out there. I think, you know, a lot of my off-course stuff has gotten a lot better over the last year and a half.

Q. You were on 11 when the heavens opened and the gusts came.

FRANKIE CAPAN III: Yeah.

Q. At that point is it like, here we go? I mean, a lot of times guys trailing like that, guys in the lead don't.

FRANKIE CAPAN III: Yeah, it wasn't my favorite thing to happen, I didn't want it to start blowing 30 miles an hour out of no where. I thought Greenie, my caddie, and I had a good number for the club we picked there. Then I had that 30-mile-an-hour gust and it seemed like if I clubbed up it would be too much because it would stay under the wind.

So unfortunately looked like my shot was a couple yards from being pretty good. Yeah, it wasn't exactly my favorite thing to happen. And the other thing, too, is we're playing a hole that's straight into the wind and the guys in front of us who are just trailing get like had a 30-, 40-mile-an-hour downwind on the par 5. I was kind of thinking, OK, they can definitely birdie -- at least birdie, definitely eagle that hole and then boom, they're right there and I have this tough shot here around this tree into what basically felt like a hurricane.

Yeah, it wasn't my favorite thing, but I think just trying to stay patient, as difficult as that may be in the scenario that I was in. I wasn't sure how much I was leading by, I knew I was either



tied or leading by one or leading by two, so I knew if I kept hitting solid golf shots. It's just so tough to make birdies out here on the back nine. You can get one on 10, you can maybe even sneak one on 11 and 12, 13's a good hole, 14's a good hole, 15's a good hole, 16 if you hit a good tee shot, which I didn't, it's a good hole. But then 17 and the pin on 18's fairly solid. There's just only two or three really good birdie holes coming down the stretch, so I knew pars would be really good with where I was at.

Q. You have two return ups this year, I think, so you're probably pretty proud of yourself --

FRANKIE CAPAN III: I am.

Q. -- the way you came through, especially when that wind kicks up --

FRANKIE CAPAN III: Yeah.

Q. -- you don't know how long it's going to go, but you just kind of hung in there.

FRANKIE CAPAN III: Yeah.

Q. And you weren't great off the tee but your short game was on fire.

FRANKIE CAPAN III: Yeah, like I said, it wasn't my best today, but at the same time that's -- you just got to find a way to get the job done and I'm happy with how I did. One of my second places this year is when I lost in a playoff and actually played a lot better than I did on Sunday than I did today and the putts didn't fall and wasn't able to get the job done. But I think just learning a lot from being in contention and not getting the job done helped me a lot more today just kind of stay patient and just understanding the course is very challenging. So even if I'm not making too many birdies, I don't think anyone else is and that turned out to be the case.

Q. What's it mean to be from Minnesota and kind of represent Minnesota as kind of the first player from this generation to head to the PGA TOUR?

FRANKIE CAPAN III: Yeah, yeah, it's great. I think -- we had a conversation earlier this week. It means a lot to me. I'm really excited to be going on up to the PGA TOUR. Yeah, just a lot of family and friends there, so I'm looking forward to getting back after the year.

Yeah, I'm pumped about the Vikes 3-0. My old caddie, he and I were texting last night because he's a Texans fan, Rusty, and we had a bet going, so I was pretty pumped when they got the job done.

I'll tell you what, they're 3-0 and they beat the 49ers pretty handily and same with the Texans today. And we had a few guys out, too. We could be a pretty good team, I'm excited.



Q. 2014 Justin Thomas won here, 2019 Scottie Scheffler won here. How's it feel to kind of --

FRANKIE CAPAN III: Great, it feels awesome. I knew that coming in. I actually kind of forgot J.T. won here, but I knew Scottie did. Yeah, I think we talked, or I talked with someone earlier this week how it's a great golf course. It's a PGA TOUR style golf course and I'm not surprised that those guys had success, lots of success out on the PGA TOUR. Just because you have to ball strike it well here, you have to chip it well and you have to putt well. I think there's -- it's a very demanding golf course in every aspect of the game, so I'm excited to join those two guys as champions of this tournament.

