

ROUND 1 QUICK QUOTE
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FRANKIE CAPAN III (-3)



Q. Awesome second nine. What was the key after probably not the start you wanted, regrouping and getting things back on track?

FRANKIE CAPAN III: Nothing much. I think just settling down a little bit. I've been playing some good golf coming into this week, and obviously with this being like a home PGA TOUR event for me, I think I might have put a little too much pressure on myself just to play the way I've been playing. Really just kind of tried to decompress going into the front nine, which was my second nine, and just have some trust and belief in my game and just kind of let things flow as opposed to trying to force it so much.

Q. Is that the golf on that second nine there that you feel you've been playing?

FRANKIE CAPAN III: Yeah, it was good. I think I hit a lot of good shots. I think I hit nine greens, so really just gave myself a bunch of opportunities. Still had a few squirrely shots, but was able to kind of get away with it and be in kind of proper-ish spots for most of that second nine.

Yeah, happy with how that went. Kind of want to tweak a couple things going into tomorrow, but overall pleased with the round. Know we can do better, but at the same time I'm pretty happy with 3 under after the way we started.

Q. I don't know which one it was on the second nine, but I think there was like a 13-footer save for par --

FRANKIE CAPAN III: Yeah.

Q. -- to keep the round going?

FRANKIE CAPAN III: Yeah, that one was really big. That one really just kind of kept the momentum rolling. Coming off of two birdies, was able to kind of get that one to go. And you have birdie holes with the pin on 4, that's a pretty good birdie chance there. Didn't get one to go, but was close. Then stuffed one on 5 and then was able to get up and down from over on 6. But like you said, yeah, just kind of kept the momentum going and kept the ball moving forward.

Q. Just how different did it feel out there? Obviously I know you didn't know the course super well, but just with the people there, and is it something you can get used to?



FRANKIE CAPAN III: It is, yeah. I mean, I enjoy it. I love seeing my family whenever I get the chance to. To have all of them here was pretty special. Obviously they're shouting and pretty hectic out there, which is fun.

Yeah, no, it was good. Pleased with how today went. It is definitely something I could get used to. Playing in front of people is pretty exciting and I like to do my best to put on a show whenever I can. Yeah, yeah, it's definitely something I could get used to.

Q. What do you like about your game coming into the week?

FRANKIE CAPAN III: It feels like for the first time, I don't know if I want to say like everything's seems like it's kind of coming together, but I feel like throughout the season I've either been ball-striking it well or kind of been scoring well in ways that I might not be playing my best but just kind of getting the ball around. I feel like I've been able to not only hit it well, but also just kind of manage my game. And it seems like the putts are starting to fall a little bit, which is pretty exciting for me.

Yeah, no, everything seems like it's just kind of coming together. Starting to hit my driver a little better, putting myself in good positions off the tee. I feel like one of the biggest things is my iron game feels like it's getting better just to give us a lot more chances. Like I said, on our second nine we hit all nine greens and whenever you do that you're going to eventually make some birdies.

Q. Still very much in this tournament after the rough start. I think you've got 24 hours until Round 2. Do you feel pretty decent at least where you're at now having gotten over maybe the early jitters?

FRANKIE CAPAN III: Yeah, yeah, I do. I try to handle this just like another tournament I've played this year. I think I mentioned to you yesterday I overhyped the U.S. Open a little bit in my head. I think when you put that much pressure on yourself, it's hard to play free.

One of the things that's important for me is just to play freed up and have fun, play like I'm a little kid. I think I was able to do that on the second nine.

Yeah, I feel good going into tomorrow. I'm going to obviously have a little bit of time. I think there's a few things I want to work on, might hit a couple balls. But it's starting to get a little toasty so may not be out there for too long. Want to get some rest for tomorrow.

Q. How have you dealt with the heat both yesterday in the pro-am and out there today?

FRANKIE CAPAN III: Yeah. Thankfully I've been playing in the heat a lot lately, so this is kind of normal. The last like three or four events were Norman, Oklahoma, Springfield, Illinois, and Springfield, Missouri, and those are all pretty hot places. This feels very normal.



But nothing crazy, just make sure you're eating a fair amount and drinking plenty of fluids. I drink these like hydration drinks out there, I think I had like three or four of them, so mainly just do that.

Then when I get back tonight I'll probably shut it down pretty quick and pretty early. But just make sure you're kind of hydrating. Everyone is saying to stay cool. I was telling them we want to stay hot.

