

FRAN QUINN (-9)

Q. Really impressive round, taking pictures with fans. Are you happy?

FRAN QUINN: Absolutely delighted. I mean, I've got tears right now. I knew what I had to do, the weather was cooperating, I knew it was going to be a tough day. If I went out there and played the way I was capable, I was going to get it done. I was not going to let anything get in my way and, you know, I really played rock solid. I let a little bit get away yesterday, today I played great all day long.

Q. What are some highlights from your round today?

FRAN QUINN: Well, I missed a short par putt on 4 and came back the next hole and holed a bunker shot after I hit what I thought was a fantastic wedge into the green. After that I made some birdies and then really played just rock solid, hit most of the greens all week and I'm just delighted.

Q. Well, is Richmond a really good place to play? You've got a lot of crowds. How was that?

FRAN QUINN: I don't know. I mean, I've got some friends who are down here from Richmond, but this course has been good to me. I eagled the last hole last year to get in and then to come out and do what I did today was probably even more special.

Q. Yeah, it's been a great one.

FRAN QUINN: It's been a great one.

Q. Tears in your eyes?

FRAN QUINN: Yeah.

Q. Why? Tell me.

FRAN QUINN: Just absolutely delighted. It means the world to me because, you know, I'm not -- like Scotty Parel, myself, guys like us, we didn't have status and so we have to earn our status each and every year. To go out there and do it, and I did it the hard way today, I really had to earn it and I'm thrilled.

Q. I mean, is this as emotional as you've been on a golf course?

FRAN QUINN: Probably, yeah, probably. You know, I know going into the offseason I have to have surgery on my hip and so I knew I was going to be out for two months. So this really just solidifies everything, puts me in good shape, go out and have a great week next week and then be able to relax during the offseason, get ready for next year.

Q. Tell me about the last putt over here.

FRAN QUINN: Well, I had about a 12-footer down the hill breaking slightly left to right. It was the fastest putt on the golf course and I hit what I thought was a great bunker shot and it ends up 12 feet back. I mean, it was like I said to my caddie, I said, "All I have to do is touch it and I have to get it on the right line," and I made it. I can't believe it.

Q. And then can you tell me about the family over here?

FRAN QUINN: Well, Eileen Stitutta (sp?) is one of my mother's very, very dear friends. She grew up next to us back in Northboro when I was a kid, so she's a second mom to me. Her children are there with their wives and so forth, so it was really neat.