

ROUND 1 INTERVIEW
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FRAN QUINN (-7)

Q. How do you shoot that in these conditions?

FRAN QUINN: I know, it was cold. You know what, I played really well tee to green. Had a ton of opportunities, and a majority of my birdies, I might have made five birdies inside of three feet, so I had a couple real kick-ins. Made a great putt on -- which was my eighth hole of the day, on 17 from about 35 feet, which was nice, for birdie. But just overall I played very, very solid. Missed a couple short putts. The one on the last hole kind of stings a little bit, but overall in these conditions this golf course is difficult. I played solid.

Q. Are you a good wind player normally?

FRAN QUINN: Well, I grew up in the northeast, so we used to play that winter golf a little bit. I probably went back to my roots there. But overall I prefer it about 80 degrees and, you know, eight to 15 miles an hour. That's kind of right up my alley.

Q. (Question about low rounds.)

FRAN QUINN: I think I had 63 maybe in Wichita. It was a good score, though. 63 would have been a hell of a score. Overall, I'm happy. I mean, I played solid. I did what I wanted to do, I gave myself a lot of opportunities, and these greens are tough. I missed two two-footers on the front nine.

Q. No. 1, the short one, right?

FRAN QUINN: Yeah, I missed one there. I missed one on 1, I missed a short three-footer there, and I missed a short two-footer for birdie on No. 13. So I had a couple real opportunities, but overall I played just fantastic so I'm not complaining.

Q. Six of your last seven rounds were in the 70s, so where did this one come from?

FRAN QUINN: Well, I think I played pretty solid. Starting just kind of knocking a little bit of rust off. I had a full hip replacement back in November, so I wasn't really able to practice all that much. And the weather down in Florida in January wasn't great, so I'm really kind of just hitting my stride right now.

Q. Bionic man now?

FRAN QUINN: I guess so. I don't know. We'll take it.

Q. Does it mean more for you just to be out here the last couple years, you kind of had to rally to --

FRAN QUINN: Yeah. I mean, I feel very blessed to have the opportunity to play out here. These guys I've looked up to my whole life and I'm just thrilled with the opportunity. I feel like I can compete at a very high level and I just relish the chances to get out there and to do the best I can. That's all I can do. If that's a win, it's a win. Wherever it falls, I go out and give it my all and see what happens.

Q. Rather not be Mr. October?

FRAN QUINN: No, I don't want to do that anymore, I don't want that. Enough of that. I know my wife doesn't. She's had enough of that.