

ROUND 2 INTERVIEW
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FRAN QUINN (-11)

Q. Talk about your round today, another good solid round.

FRAN QUINN: Yeah, I really did. Tee to green, I played exceptionally well again. Had a lot of, you know, really had a lot of quality iron shots that I had balls inside 10, 15 feet all day. You know, I made some, but I missed some, you know, and I had a lot of chances.

But I'm just overall -- it's a difficult golf course right now. The greens are difficult, so just got to keep hitting greens and giving yourself, you know, basically give yourself opportunities. You know, you're going to make some. Everybody's missing some. You can't think you're the only one. So it's a situation where you've got to be patient.

I've got Kevin Johnson, who's caddying for me this week, he's played on Tour for years and he's won six times on the Web and played on the Walker Cup team, he's my best friend. He's been really a calming influence and we've had just a lot of fun. So we'll go out and have another day tomorrow and see what it brings.

Q. Talk about a three-shot lead going into the final round, talk about that.

FRAN QUINN: You know, I can't control what anyone else does, I can control what I do. I'm going to go out and kind of do what I've done the last few days, and if I do that, I'll be happy.

Q. When's the last time you had a lead going into the final round and the feeling of --

FRAN QUINN: I think I had a six-shot lead going into the final round in Panama on the Web.com. I don't know when that was, maybe 2010, maybe -- I don't know what it was. Ended up winning.

You know, it doesn't happen often, so you just want to go out and, you know, have a good dinner and, you know, enjoy the night and come out ready to play tomorrow.

Q. How are you going to sleep tonight?

FRAN QUINN: I'll sleep fine, I always do. Coffee can't keep me up.

Q. The fact that you've done it before with the lead, though --

FRAN QUINN: I have, yeah.

Q. -- does that make it a little bit better because you know you've done it?

FRAN QUINN: I think it does. You know, out here, I haven't won yet, but I've got two thirds, a fourth, a fifth, a sixth. I've kind of been trending in the last two and a half years towards having an opportunity to win, and so I'm just happy that I've given myself this chance.

Like I said, hey, I'm blessed to be playing out here, I love it. I love playing with all guys that they were my heroes growing up, and now they're my friends. So I just enjoy that.

Q. Is Kevin your normal caddie?

FRAN QUINN: No, no. He tried to qualify this week, but he's learning.

Q. Now he's your assistant out here?

FRAN QUINN: That's right, that's right.

Q. Seemed like you were -- from the beginning you were flag hunting, your first iron shots were pretty good.

FRAN QUINN: Yeah, all day it was. Like I said, I think I missed three or four really short putts. But having said that, everybody's done it. I'm not the only guy doing it.

Q. Are you rooting for any weather conditions at all tomorrow?

FRAN QUINN: No. I think it's been tough the last few days. We all have to play in this. And the way the tee times are, 11:30, 12:30, it's not like you go off early and you have that much of an advantage.

Q. How did you go about getting a sponsor's exemption here?

FRAN QUINN: Well, I just --

Q. Sent a letter?

FRAN QUINN: I spoke to Jeff and he was nice enough to give me one. Having said that, I would have gotten in on my number. But regardless, that took away all the stress, got myself ready to prepare, and I could not be more grateful to Jeff Purser for giving me the opportunity. I'm a fortunate guy, you know? I am. It's good stuff.