

**Zurich Classic of New Orleans  
English Turn Golf Course  
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**Final-round tournament quotes:**

**AN INTERVIEW WITH FRED FUNK**

THE MODERATOR: Give us some general comment on that great round you shot today.

FRED FUNK: Yes, it was actually one of those days that everything was clicking. It was a pretty easy 62 actually. I had a couple opportunities that I did actually get away. I made really one bad swing on 16. I had a lot of factors there. I had mud on the right on the right of the ball, the ball above my feet, kind of wet. But everything was pointing that that ball was going to go left, and then I helped it with a bad swing and it went long.

It put me in a awkward. It was a disappointing bogey there when everything was going good.

But a great exciting putt on 18, and overall you sure can't complain about a 62.

You play golf, I guess you can, but I'm not going to complain about a 62. It was really fun to be out there. Obviously, if you look at the board, and you saw everybody is on 3-, 4-, 6-under par, jumping out early in the conditions were conducive to that obviously. But to be able to rise above that where I was coming from and pass as many people as did I was fantastic.

Q. What was that last putt?

FRED FUNK: At least 40 feet. I don't know. I didn't pace it off. 40 feet at least. Maybe 50.

Q. Fred, have you a chance to see the shot that beat you?

FRED FUNK: No, I was on the range. Obviously he made a great putt on 17, I heard for bogey. And then unbelievable, I guess, to win the thing. That's what you do to win.

Q. Have you been knocked out on the last hole before, have you been knocked out of it?

FRED FUNK: I don't think, nothing like that, no. No, I hadn't.

Q. How did you find out, Fred?

FRED FUNK: I was on the range. They had a TV crew there. You can hear the crowd for one from where I was, and then Arvin Ginner (phonetic), our rules official was there to.

Q. Have you chipped in to win a tournament on the last hole?

FRED FUNK: No, I got up and down at THE PLAYERS out of the bunker to win. No chip-ins to win. Nope.

Q. Fred, tell us about the crowd really got behind you the last four holes or so?

FRED FUNK: Well, I think a lot of that is, when you see a guy having a great coming in and making a run at the leader, no matter how who it is, they are going to be pull for him. It's pretty neat to see a guy come from the back of the pack and make a charge like that. Especially when the leader was playing so good as well. So they rallied recall behind me a little bit. And then I think they enjoyed the little old guy going out there and playing good. It's fun that the crowd will. It's fun when they get behind you. Like Jason Gore got adopted as the U.S. Open last year. I was adopted at Hazeltine at the PGA. It's fun when that happens. Really the crowd is just asking for a little acknowledgment back. If you just acknowledge the crowd a little bit, they will really pull for you. I really like that. You just got to make them feel like they're involved in the tournament, and we are out there to entertain them. Sometimes the guys just won't acknowledge them at all.

Q. When you were coming in to the 18th green, it looked like you lifted something up?

FRED FUNK: I was trying to show it was so small, the emblem for New Orleans and the relief effort. I don't they could see it. I was looking. I was going, I don't think they can see it. I don't know why I got my hat off. That's what I was trying to do. I was just trying to show my support for how great, what the City has been through and how great the City is and, hopefully they will come back. It won't be any time soon where they were. Hopefully, they will come back better than where they were.

Q. Fred, what do you know about Chris Couch?

FRED FUNK: Chris, when I won Jackson a couple of years ago, I was with him in the last group, it was like David and Goliath. I didn't know Chris. I didn't realize how big he was. We were standing on the first tee, I was up to his knees, hey, how are you doing up there. He is a great guy, unbelievable talent like all of these young guys, all of the guys out here are ridiculous talent. A lot of these guys are getting comfortable in this environment. He was ready for it. He went out there and did it.

FRED FUNK: Thanks, Fred.

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