

COMPLIANCE SOLUTIONS CHAMPIONSHIP

ROUND 3 INTERVIEW

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JAKE KNAPP (-17)



Q. Incredible finish to your third round today.

JAKE KNAPP: Thank you.

Q. Just talk us through that.

JAKE KNAPP: Yeah, 18 was playing pretty good downwind and was able to hit a good drive, hit it pretty much right on the 200 mark. Just kind of worked out to be a perfect 8-iron. Pulled it a tad and went online to the flag and landed a couple yards short, went up to a couple feet and easy tap-in for eagle.

Q. You didn't realize how close you were?

JAKE KNAPP: No. The trees kind of blocked that green, and I knew it was a little bit left of where we intended, but I was aimed a little right of it so I figured it was probably on a pretty good line. It took a little while for everybody to clap, I just didn't realize how close it was.

Q. Today obviously was great. Is there any other parts of your round that kind of stood out to you today?

JAKE KNAPP: I hooped a few long putts in the middle of the round, so that's something you don't do every day, that was a nice little treat. Yeah, just played pretty solid and yeah, a few long putts to go in, kept the momentum going.

Q. Saw your one on 9 there, that was also impressive.

JAKE KNAPP: Yeah, 9 just kind of, you know, hit less club off the tee. It was a little farther back to hit in the middle of the green. Luckily, Flavin was right in front of me and he went first, kind of showed me the line and I was able to make it.

Q. Been hearing a lot of positive things about this course. Can you attest to that?

JAKE KNAPP: Yeah, it's a great test. You can't really fool your way around it, especially if there's a little bit of wind. Obviously with the rain the other day it made it a little softer and more scorable, but I mean, if I have to be honest, like I think everybody is probably on the same page that the scores are a lot lower than what we thought it was going to be. If it was really firm it would be much different, but the course is just good. You get rewarded for good



shots and penalized for bad, so it's exactly what you want.

Q. Did you have to split your round yesterday?

JAKE KNAPP: Yeah, yesterday I played until 15. We finished 15 at like just before 9:00 and then came back out this morning, had to play 16, 17 and 18. Went back, got some breakfast and came back and played this afternoon.

Q. So you've had great success this season, you made 11 cuts, five top-10s, but how would you in your own words kind of assess your game and how the season's been?

JAKE KNAPP: Yeah, I can't say any events felt fantastic, I felt like I've just kind of been missing a round here and there. Even when I shot 2 under the first day I let a few holes get away from me and just kind of -- not that I thought just another week like that, but it's kind of a bummer when you see the lead at 7 or 8 under and you're at 2.

But yeah, I was able to climb back these last two days. Yeah, just stayed patient all year, just tried to play my game and just tried to play as many weekends as I can. Obviously I've had a few backdoor finishes, so just tried to give myself as many opportunities to play on the weekend.

Q. You played out here previously in 2020, 2021, right?

JAKE KNAPP: Yeah, the COVID season.

Q. Has there been any major differences either within yourself personally or your game that you have seen a difference compared to that season?

JAKE KNAPP: Not necessarily like changed in my game. I think I've matured as a person I would say. Losing my card and having to back wax to Canada and everything else was pretty humbling. Kind of got a little job during the offseason to help myself appreciate what I get to do for a living.

I think that was pretty humbling. Yeah, playing well last year and just kind of that sense of belonging like some guys have talked about here, too. Just get a few good rounds under your belt and get in contention and just kind of let the confidence just keep on rolling.

Q. What was the job that you picked up?

JAKE KNAPP: I worked security at a bar on weekends.

Q. OK. Do you have like a security background or did you get certified --

JAKE KNAPP: Nothing. I went in to be a barback and they're like, how about security? I was like, I mean, sure, why not.



Q. And how do you feel just going into the final round being in contention in this position?

JAKE KNAPP: I feel good. I feel like my game's in a good place. Today I think I got fortunate with a few putts to go in so I think I'm fortunate to shoot the score that I did and got a lot out of it.

Yeah, game's felt solid all week and I'm excited for tomorrow. We kind of talked at the beginning of the week, I'm tired of backdooring and not be like in contention on Sunday. I want to be in that group, I want to be in contention. So yeah, I'm super excited for tomorrow and see what we can do.

