

ROUND 1 QUICK QUOTES
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JAKE KNAPP (-6)

Q. Jake, really solid start, obviously continuation of a really solid season so far. What was working today?

JAKE KNAPP: Putter was working early for sure. Was able to make some good putts in my first kind of three, four holes. Then after that started hitting it a little bit better and was just pretty stress free for the most part. Didn't have to work too hard, which was nice.

Putter kind of cooled off towards the end, but overall just gave myself a lot of good looks.

Q. Can you kind of explain how you got into this event for people that might not know?

JAKE KNAPP: Yeah, got in through the Swing 5. I would have been in this week regardless of my number from last year's season, but then yeah, the Swing 5, just playing well in those first three that I played, keeping myself up there on that list.

Q. What do you like about this golf course? How do you think it fits your game specifically?

JAKE KNAPP: I mean, it kind of frames the shots for you, it kind of tells you what you need to do and like how you need to shape the ball for the most part.

Then also there's a couple holes that I feel like I can take advantage of my length, I can hit a good amount of drivers out here, which is nice. Then I think I do a pretty good job of controlling spin and stuff like that so when it gets soft, I feel like I'm able to adapt to it.

Q. I feel like we hear a lot from golf fans about, or from golfers about how like great Pebble Beach is as a golf course but I feel like golf fans maybe might not realize what makes the course great beyond the very obvious things.

JAKE KNAPP: Yeah.

Q. I was curious to ask you like what some of the subtleties I guess about Pebble Beach --

JAKE KNAPP: About Pebble? It's just so special. It's not -- similar to like a Torrey Pines in a way, it's just playing along the ocean the entire time. Just how the course fits with the natural landscape. It doesn't feel like they had to do very much in terms of digging stuff out. And it's just so different where like the greens are so small at times, you kind of have some



like some interesting shots you have to hit. So I think just the uniqueness of it, you just don't see it every week.

Q. Have you always had the ducks --

JAKE KNAPP: Yeah, had it since about 2020.

Q. Very cool.

JAKE KNAPP: Yeah.

Q. Just this start more broadly, anything that you point to that's propelled it? Anything you worked on in the off season, do you feel like it's paid off as far as this first month?

JAKE KNAPP: I mean, a lot. I mean, I put a lot of time kind of from I'd say after Thanksgiving-ish is kind of when I started able to fully practice and whatnot. So from then on I was just kind of all gas, no brakes just trying to get ready for the season.

Started working with a new swing coach and feel that's been working well. Think I have just a little bit more confidence in what I'm doing. I think overall just being out here now third year, just being a little bit more comfortable. The last year was my first time here, so now I kind of know what to expect, you know, maybe course condition wise, things like that week in and week out. So yeah, I think it's just kind of a combination of things.

Q. Who are you working with now and what have you kind of, the two of you kind of see in your swing or things that you've been working on?

JAKE KNAPP: I started working with Boyd Summerhays. He's in Scottsdale so it's nice to be able to just see him when I'm home. Then just really just tighten it up, getting a little bit more specific. Maybe not as much positional stuff when I'm swinging, but more so just how do I just get it to score better and hit it where I want it to rather than getting it to look pretty and stuff. I think I started to get a little bit too fixated on some things that maybe make the swing look better but doesn't really help performance. I think it's just shifted a little bit more into just simplifying things I guess for the most part. And yeah, that's just helped a lot.

Q. Are you a guy that in the offseason like looks at a bunch of numbers, reflects, and if you did, what did you see?

JAKE KNAPP: Yeah, yeah, I looked a lot at it. I didn't hit really any approach shot distances all that great, just didn't ball strike it all that well, and then the second half of the year I drove it really well. So that was something I wanted to make sure I kind of kept up on and just keep doing that, so changed nothing there. And my putting's been good, too. I felt like if I could just become an average ball-striker, then things would probably start going better, so just kind of put most of my focus on that.



Q. We were just talking to Jordan, he said that he was swinging it really well but convinced himself he's swinging kind of poorly the other day and I'm curious if you've ever had that emotional experience of feeling like you're swinging poorly when you're actually swinging OK?

JAKE KNAPP: OK, my mindset's always though even when it's good it can always be better. So it's like I'm always trying to find things to kind of nitpick even when I'm playing well. That being said, like when it comes down to like Tuesday, Wednesday, it's kind of the exact opposite for me. Like I tell myself I'm hitting it amazing for the most part and just everything's perfect, and then try to go in with that headspace.

I try not to tell myself it's not going well because then if it starts going well on the course you think well, something's gotta go wrong so I don't want to start thinking that way. But no, I think for me for the most part I think just trying to stay confident going into every week.

