

**ROUND 2 QUICK QUOTES**  
**February 20, 2026**

**JACOB BRIDGEMAN (-12)**



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**Q. Second round 64, what did you like about your round?**

**JACOB BRIDGEMAN:** I putted it really well and I hit my driver great. That's kind of been -- the driver was a little struggle the last couple weeks. So I drove it nicely, and then the putter worked out for me.

**Q. What did you hit into 18, Jacob?**

**JACOB BRIDGEMAN:** I don't know what happened with my tee shot. I felt like I hit it nice and it just was about 30 yards behind all the other guys in my group. And I had a 5-iron in. Pretty full 5-iron, yeah.

**Q. You don't often do that, I take it, on the PGA TOUR these days, hit 5-iron into a par 4?**

**JACOB BRIDGEMAN:** Seemed like I did it a lot on that back nine, all the all those holes were straight into the wind, 12, 13, 14, 15. Yeah, those are tough. I know the guys this morning might have had a little bit of a downwind. I saw some guys hitting wedges in, which was weird.

**Q. On 18?**

**JACOB BRIDGEMAN:** No, on the back nine.

**Q. Oh, yeah.**

**JACOB BRIDGEMAN:** Eighteen was playing a lot longer than I thought it was. I was surprised when I got up there and saw --

**Q. I know you're a newcomer to Riv, but what do you make of these greens because there's been a lot of talk about being able to fire at flags and stick but also a lot of speed to them.**

**JACOB BRIDGEMAN:** Yeah, it's shocking how soft they are and how fast they are. I've even I think two or three times today I hit it six feet by the hole and just like was wow, I don't know how they're that fast, because you're hitting a -- you can hit a 5-iron, a low 5-iron, it will back up. So it's very strange how soft they are and fast. This is probably the most pure poa annua I've ever seen.



**Q. I feel like I've done a lot of talking. So what are your thoughts going into the weekend?**

**JACOB BRIDGEMAN:** I'm excited. I'm kind of in a similar spot as I was the last couple weeks. I'm excited to be back in the hunt trying to get a win.

**Q. Why do you think you played well last week?**

**JACOB BRIDGEMAN:** I think I'm really good in the elements and good at kind of flighting the ball, hitting it low, judging the shots that aren't -- it's not as easy to figure out how far it's playing. I think I'm good at those kind of feel shots, and that came into play pretty much every hole last week because the wind was going so crazy. And even yesterday and today the wind was pretty strong and I had to hit some shots like that. I think that's kind of where I take a step up.

**Q. Aren't you a Clemson guy? This is supposed to be new to you.**

**JACOB BRIDGEMAN:** Yeah. Actually Joe Greiner on 17, he said, Are you sure you're not from the west coast because you're putting it so good. Yeah, in the past I've really struggled on poa, now I'm starting to like it so I'm excited.

**Q. What did you do last year, Torrey and --**

**JACOB BRIDGEMAN:** I did Hawaii, AmEx and Torrey.

**Q. So Torrey was your only real coastal poa?**

**JACOB BRIDGEMAN:** Right. And I've never really enjoyed putting out there. I didn't play there this year for whatever reason and yeah, now I'm liking it. Maybe I'll go back.

**Q. If it's still on the schedule.**

**Q. (No microphone.) any form the last few weeks?**

**JACOB BRIDGEMAN:** Yeah, I've learned that I'm comfortable in contention. I got a couple chances to win last year, especially like at Tampa I was kind of leading the whole way and I feel like I feel comfortable in that position. Last weekend didn't go exactly how I wanted it to, but I was very confident and comfortable in the position I was in. at some point I'll break through and get a win.

**Q. Was there anything out there that you figured out over the last couple days that maybe you were perplexed by in the practice rounds?**

**JACOB BRIDGEMAN:** No, because I didn't play golf on Tuesday, Monday or Tuesday because of the weather and just was a little bit worn out. I played my pro-am Wednesday



and kind of just honestly just played a casual round, tried to just play golf and see what happened. Let my caddie kind of point me around. Hit a couple shots here or there, but it wasn't a whole lot of practice. I feel like I got my first kind of learning experience of the course yesterday and then today everything was a lot more familiar. I knew where some slopes were, kind of knew where the tee shot lines were, which I'm feeling a little more comfortable.

**Q. Do you think that casual lead into the week helped out a little bit?**

**JACOB BRIDGEMAN:** That's kind of my go-to. I wouldn't say I'm a grinder, I'm not going to sit on the range and bang balls and I don't love to play a ton of golf before the tournament. I like to save my energy, so that's kind of just right in my comfort zone.

**Q. Which pin did you like better on 10, yesterday or today?**

**JACOB BRIDGEMAN:** Today, I liked today's a lot better. Yesterday's I thought was very tough and I hit a terrible shot off the tee and unfortunately the greens are just mush and --

**Q. Where did you hit it?**

**JACOB BRIDGEMAN:** I was short right of the bunker.

**Q. Can't do that.**

**JACOB BRIDGEMAN:** But I think I might have been the first person to ever get up and down from there because in the past, I mean you're going to hit it off in the other bunker and might play ping pong. Today I was under a tree but it was a lot easier of an up-and-down I think than yesterday.

**Q. Oh, I know what I wanted to ask you about, 4 which kind of beat you up a little bit yesterday, but what did you do yesterday on 4?**

**JACOB BRIDGEMAN:** Yesterday I was so cold. It was starting to rain, it felt like it was 30 degrees. I had a jacket, another jacket and a rain jacket on. I just put the rain jacket on and took a couple swings. I thought OK. I thought when I took it back to hit the shot, I just caught a -- I don't know what happened, my shoulder wouldn't turn and almost missed the ball. I think it flew, a 4-iron flew like 160 yards and I was in jail just short right.

**Q. Up on that right --**

**JACOB BRIDGEMAN:** Right. And then I left it short in the fringe.

**Q. Straight down, right?**

**JACOB BRIDGEMAN:** Yes. That was not a good spot.



**Q. Nice of me to bring that up, isn't it?**

**JACOB BRIDGEMAN:** Yeah. I learned though. That's the thing, I learned. I didn't learn Wednesday, so I learned Thursday.

**Q. Play cold next time.**

**JACOB BRIDGEMAN:** Exactly.

**Q. Have you played your caddie yet?**

**JACOB BRIDGEMAN:** What's that?

**Q. Have you played golf with your caddie?**

**JACOB BRIDGEMAN:** Yeah. Oh, yeah.

**Q. Who wins?**

**JACOB BRIDGEMAN:** He hasn't beat me but I heard that he used to have a lot of game. He's getting a little bit older now, he doesn't play as much golf, but all the stories guys tell me about how he goes out and beat all the Tour guys. He's a good dude.

**Q. Did you pick him up on the Korn?**

**JACOB BRIDGEMAN:** So when I turned pro, he was good buddies with my agent and my -- and happened to be my college coach, and when I asked kind of both of them independently who they thought should be my caddie, they both said him.

So he had just I guess got off the bag of Chris Kirk and was looking for something. And they both recommended him to me and he was willing to come down from the Tour to caddie for me on the Korn Ferry, which I thought was pretty good. He had some confidence in me to come down to obviously take a pay cut.

**Q. So you had one full year on the Korn Ferry?**

**JACOB BRIDGEMAN:** Yeah, um-hmm.

**Q. I think we're done with you, sorry.**

**JACOB BRIDGEMAN:** Thank you.

