

**ROUND 4 QUICK QUOTES**  
**February 22, 2026**

**KURT KITAYAMA (-17)**



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**Q. Kurt, valiant effort today. How would you kind of describe your performance and if at any point you thought there's a chance?**

**KURT KITAYAMA:** Yeah, I played awesome, had a dream start to the day. Didn't really go into it thinking I had a chance, just kind of plugged along, and coming down the stretch figured if I could make some birdies, add a little pressure, but overall, great day.

**Q. What particularly were you pleased with? I know putting's been something you've been working on a lot. Obviously rolled in a few of them.**

**KURT KITAYAMA:** Yeah, no, definitely. Kind of been trying to focus on that this offseason. Starting to see positive rounds out of it. Yeah, it's been great so far.

**Q. A lot of guys were saying, Kurt, that it was so weird to putt out there because it was soft but fast, which isn't a combination you guys see a lot. What was it like trying to make putts?**

**KURT KITAYAMA:** For me, I was not looking at a three-footer coming back, so mostly kind of die speed, play a lot of break. Just had good speed all day. You know, you probably couldn't really leave it short, especially downhill. That's kind of how I went about it.

**Q. When does it get fun or nervous when you're on a run like that when you can see yourself kind of getting in contention?**

**KURT KITAYAMA:** I mean, the whole back nine you're feeling something, just trying to kind of keep it at bay, calm down, and especially on the last three, four holes you're really feeling it. Kind of focused on my breathing.

