

ROUND 2 QUICK QUOTES
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JAKE KNAPP (-11)



Q. Bogey-free 64, tied for the round of the day. How'd it go?

JAKE KNAPP: It was good. It was -- I drove it really well again and then struck the ball really, really well. Didn't have my best day on the greens, but struck the ball really well, gave myself a ton of chances. Was pretty stress free for the most part.

Q. Stress free has to be motivating. Bogey free, no blemishes on the card.

JAKE KNAPP: Yeah, it's always nice when you go bogey free, means you didn't make a lot of mistakes obviously. Yeah, just kind of kept it in front of me and hit it in the right spots, was able to judge the wind correctly and just kind of make it easy on myself.

Q. Just mentioned to your caddie that you'll see him at the putting green. What are you working on ahead of the weekend?

JAKE KNAPP: Just need to putt. Just don't feel like the ball's not starting on the correct line right now for whatever reason. So just go over there hit a couple putts, confirm a few things.

Greens are tough to read out here, they're pretty grainy, it's windy today, so afternoon round greens get a little wobbly. So not going to overthink anything, just want to see a few go in and call it a night.

Q. Rookie season, first time seeing this course but a few rounds under your belt. What's now the key around the weekend?

JAKE KNAPP: Just a lot of the same, nothing changes. I mean, golf course is pretty gettable if you can drive it well and take advantage of the downwind holes, and they can tuck some pins and put them in some tough spots, so just have to be able to be aware of when it's not a green light and when it is. Yeah, just a lot of the same thing, what I've been doing, give myself chances and hopefully roll in some more putts.

Q. Any past experiences playing in Mexico?

JAKE KNAPP: Did Latin America qualifying down here when I was first turning pro and then played in the one Korn Ferry event we had kind of before that COVID season. But I like playing close to the ocean, so it's all comfortable to me.

Q. SoCal, did you ever come around here for vacation at all?



JAKE KNAPP: No, I haven't. We didn't really vacation much. It was really wherever we were playing a tournament, parents would occasionally go. But no, never came down here or anything.

Q. Wins on the Canadian Tour. Where are you going to be drawing on those past experiences playing in the final groups on the weekend?

JAKE KNAPP: Yeah, I mean, all that stuff definitely plays its own part. I feel like I know how to handle myself and handle the situation and everything else. Obviously being in the thick of it at the Farmers Insurance helped as well. So yeah, it's just go out there and execute golf shots and there's not too much else to it.

Q. The past two days paired with other KFT players from the past, Wilson and Cristobal. How comfortable is that, especially with Cristobal having a good round yesterday, too?

JAKE KNAPP: Yeah, yeah. It's nice playing with guys you know obviously. That's how most of the rookie year goes because we're all in the same category, we all get paired together. I'd like to be a little bit earlier off and not always finishing in the dark, but that's just the way it goes. Yeah, it's always nice playing with guys you know and get along with.

Q. Finishing up on 18, you mentioned the dark, how dark kind of was it when you were finishing up on the green there?

JAKE KNAPP: Yeah, I mean, it's impossible to see any grain or anything like that. You can look at the hole and try to figure it out, but yeah, it's kind of hard to see what's going on. Sun's been down for kind of a while. Definitely not too dark where we can't play, but it just is what it is, just kind of the way it goes.

Q. Mentioned earlier great finish with Farmers and Phoenix solid finish. Where are you feeling kind of with your game and now getting these starts here on Tour?

JAKE KNAPP: Yeah, I didn't -- I didn't feel like I was driving it very well to start the year, so put a lot of emphasis on that after last week where I just didn't -- after Waste Management where I just couple weeks in a row of not driving the ball as well as I'd like. Put a lot of time in that during the week off. Ball-striking and everything else has pretty much been there for the most part. Yeah, just keep on working, getting better and trying to give myself chances to win.

Q. And Aon Next 10 was just kind of short with Genesis. Motivation there to make it to Arnold Palmer?

JAKE KNAPP: Yeah, for sure. It was a bummer missing out on Genesis and also missing out being No. 6 for AT&T. It is what it is. Keep on saying you play well, it takes care of itself.



So it's hard to get inside the top-30, top-50 on the points list when you're a rookie, you don't get into those Signature Events, so just want to go out and execute and just play as well as I can.

