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Quick Quotes

Q. It seemed like today 4-under was probably one of the highest numbers you could have shot. How much did you just have to be patient today and just let the round play out?

JAKE KNAPP: Yeah, I got a good caddie for that that keeps me in my lane and makes sure that I don't go and try to be too aggressive or anything like that.

We kind of knew that pins were a little bit more difficult today and tough to hit it really close to, so we were going to have a lot of lower percentage birdie putts I would say.

That's just kind of how it worked out. Obviously there is a percentage there where you would like to see a couple go in, but they just didn't today.

Did a good job putting myself in the right spots and giving myself a bunch of chances.

Q. I think it was your par putt on 13, how big of a momentum booster was that to finish your round?

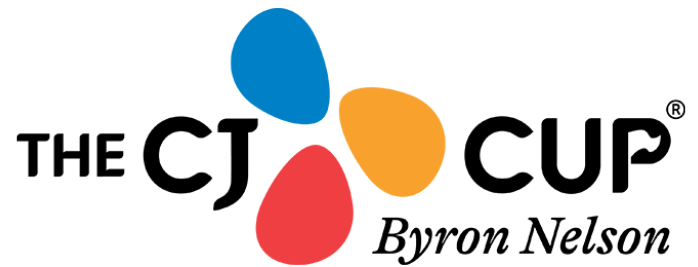
JAKE KNAPP: For sure, especially when you feel like you've been playing solid. You don't really want to drop one because you had one bad shot.

I did a good job getting it back in play and hit a good wedge shot and just trusted my green reading like I did all day, and that one just happened to go in.

Q. Since you won in Mexico, I know there has been schedule changes and been a whirlwind the last couple months. Do you feel somewhat settled into your new life and schedule?

JAKE KNAPP: Yeah, a little bit. I think it's still kind of up in the air. I'm not officially into the U.S. Open or British Open, so there is some stuff I'm fighting for and trying to play for.

Yeah, I think being able to have last week as like a real off week and be able to go home and practice and prepare the way I wanted to the last couple. Which I'm not



complaining. I went to Augusta. The off weeks were just kind of short and then you're thrown into these tough tournaments.

It was nice last week to be able to have a full six, seven days at home and just get ready for this week.

Q. You obviously were in the final group in Mexico. What can you take from that week knowing you closed out, and what do you think is different being on a different course?

JAKE KNAPP: You know, I think just I do best when I kind of do leaderboard watch and I see what other guys are doing. You see what guys are doing in the morning and you get an idea of maybe how the course is playing. If there is a bunch of guys at 5-under through 9 you know it's probably pretty gettable; if there is a bunch of guys are 1- or 2, it's probably not.

I'll kind of keep an eye on that. For the most part my game plan has been the same each and every day the first three days, so just going to go and try to execute again tomorrow.

Q. I know the weather is a little bit of a strange question mark for tomorrow. How much do you allow yourself to pay attention to that or you just kind of show up, and whatever happens is how you're going to play?

JAKE KNAPP: Yeah, I'll pay a little bit of attention. I'll try to stay on top of it in the morning and see if we can stay at home a little bit longer or need to come over. Pretty much just check the wind, and if she say get off the course get off the course.

Q. Wanted to ask you about your caddie bib. I saw you had workout. I know it's obviously physically done some things for you; what does it do for you mentally?

JAKE KNAPP: I think mentally it's just a space I can go away, put on headphones. Whether I need to take off stress or kind of work through something, it's just always been somewhere that I go. Whether it's like to the gym in



general or training with guys in my garage or something like that, it's just a good stress reliever for me.

Q. What is your schedule this morning? Heading to the range? Any interest in the Kentucky Derby or the hockey tonight?

JAKE KNAPP: I'll definitely watch some hockey tonight, some basketball, and then I'm going to go putt for a while right now and probably go to the gym and catch some of the other stuff later.

Q. What stresses you out on the golf course?

JAKE KNAPP: When I don't putt well that usually stresses me out. (Smiling.) No, nothing in particular. I think especially now I think life has gotten a lot busier and everything is just kind of a lot crazier. It's nice to be able to go to the gym and put on headphones and stay in my world for a couple hours and do what I need to do.

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