

HYBRID TEST

The Winner

Bobby Jones Players Series

\$180, graphite; bobbyjonesshop.com

WE TESTED 19°, 21°, 25° and 30° with Graphite Design JS-6 (and JS-7) graphite shaft

THE COMPANY LINE "An ultra-thin (0.35-millimeter) lightweight maraging steel crown allows the transfer of 30-plus grams to the rear sole-plate area. This lowers and deepens the center of gravity while maintaining feel in a retro-cleek style design."

OUR TESTERS SAID

PROS "A very forgiving club. A bad swing still keeps you in the fairway."—Andy Simon (handicap 25)

"Could actually work the ball in both directions. By far the best feeling of the group for chipping."—Charlie Neivert (2)

"The rounded sole enables me to consistently hit the ball cleanly from the fairway."

—Rich Bernstein (15)

"They're masterful from the rough. So easy to get

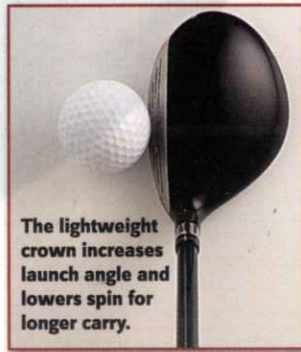
airborne."—Jon Kotraba (10)

"Great for players looking for higher flight and lighter weight."—Matt McKeon (0)

"I know where the head is, whether I'm swinging nice and smooth or trying to get a few extra yards."—Rich Sullivan (12)

CONS "The only knock is a slight lack of punch off the tee. Even so, shots with these are totally predictable."

—Michael Kaye (14)

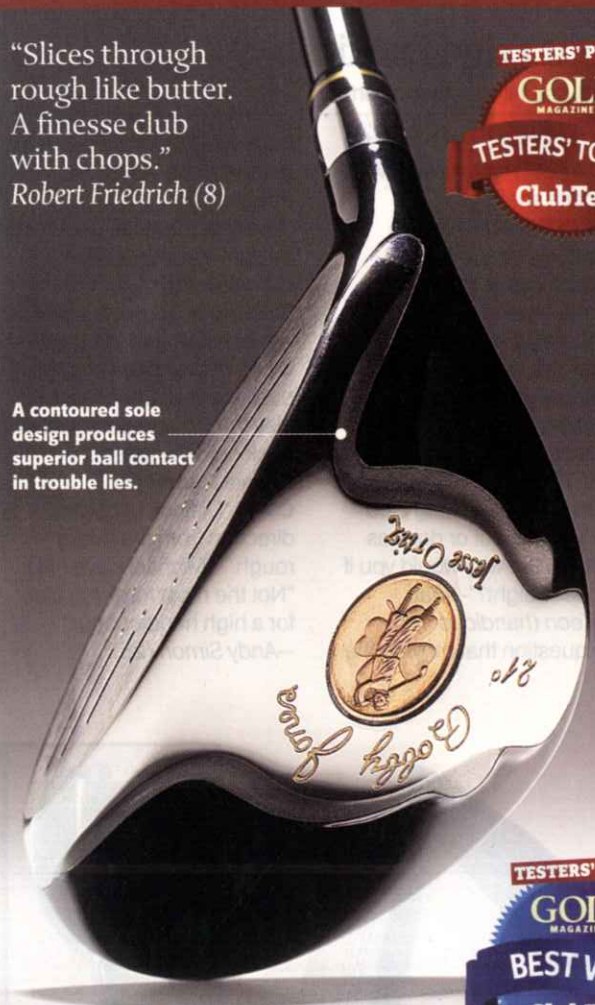


The lightweight crown increases launch angle and lowers spin for longer carry.

"Slices through rough like butter. A finesse club with chops."

Robert Friedrich (8)

A contoured sole design produces superior ball contact in trouble lies.



Test results: How they stack up

Testers voted for their favorites using a 100-point scale. Total Performance grade is determined by weighting equally the 11 categories listed below.

Best for...	Adams Idea Pro	Bobby Jones Players Series	Callaway Fusion FT-Hybrid	MacGregor MacTec NVG2	Nickent 3DX DC Utility	Nike Slingshot Tour	Tour Edge Exotics	Wilson Staff Dh6
Look/Rough		●						
Forgiveness/Rough		●						
Feel/Chip		●						
Playability/Chip		●						
Feel/Fairway		●						
Forgiveness/Fairway				●				
Playability/Fairway						●		
Distance/Fairway			●					
Forgiveness/Tee Shot				●				
Playability/Tee Shot						●		
Distance/Tee Shot			●					
OVERALL		●						