

Viking Classic
Annandale Country Club
Madison, MS

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Tournament quotes:

QUICK QUOTES FROM KIRK TRIPLETT

Q. Kirk, just tell us a little bit about the round.

KIRK TRIPLETT: It's hot out there. It's sort of survival. Of course, it's very soft, and we've got a couple thunderstorms. Very susceptible to low scores. 5 under certainly isn't going to be the lowest score you see out there today. Playing in the first group, I'm happy to get off to a good start and make a few putts, make a few birdies, feel like I've got a chance to be competitive this week.

Q. What about the conditions out there?

KIRK TRIPLETT: It's very soft. So if you drive a ball on the fairway, you've got perfect lie every time. Pins are in the corners, but the greens are still soft, so it's very accessible. You can see by the number of low scores that there are, it's not -- guys, you let them put the ball in their hand, they can shoot low scores.

Q. Is the heat affecting you in a negative way?

KIRK TRIPLETT: I don't see anything positive about it. No, you just got to pay attention. You know, it wasn't too bad today. A little cloud cover in the morning. Certainly, as the week wears on, it's going to be a little bit of endurance. So see who can kind of keep their concentration up. Sometimes the heat makes your mind wander a little.

Q. You always shoot well at this stage of the tournament. What is it?

KIRK TRIPLETT: I played well here over the years. It fits my eye. I'm kind of a fader, and I think, for the most part, there's a number of holes that the fade works very well on. So kind of a combination of that and having played here a lot of times. It's just comfortable, I guess.

Got what you need? All right. Thanks, guys.