

Viking Classic
Annandale Country Club
Madison, MS

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Tournament quotes:

QUICK QUOTES FROM MICHAEL CONNELL

MICHAEL CONNELL: Came up here and then followed him to Mississippi State.

Q. You were there?

MICHAEL CONNELL: Uh-huh.

Q. Okay. Do you keep in contact with him at all?

MICHAEL CONNELL: Not really.

Q. [Inaudible].

MICHAEL CONNELL: They're very similar.

Q. Tell me about your lessons from Jack.

MICHAEL CONNELL: My lessons from Jack?

Q. He gives everybody a golf lesson.

MICHAEL CONNELL: Just pass each other's company here and there and just chat about different things. He's good at everything, isn't he?

Q. He's flying airplanes, flying a jet. He's good at everything.

MICHAEL CONNELL: He's fun to be around sometimes. Sometimes.

Q. Did you ever play with him?

MICHAEL CONNELL: I never played a complete round of golf with him. We played a few holes here and there. During bad weather, actually, we would do stuff. We'd see him in there.

Q. A conversation about your shot on 17. Tell me a little bit about that again.

MICHAEL CONNELL: You bet. I pulled the tee shot left and landed in the rough. I had a different looking lie that you get nowadays when you're in the rough. It felt like it's going to

jump a little bit. So I hit a very good shot into the left center of the green to hole that green and keep the ball in position. It was a very good shot.

Q. Would you say that tee shot was probably one of the worst shots you hit all day?

MICHAEL CONNELL: It was probably the biggest mistake I made today.

Q. So you didn't make many out there?

MICHAEL CONNELL: I didn't really hurt myself. I missed a few fairways, but it was never really in a position that I was going to hurt myself. That was the only time that I felt like I was truly out of position.

Q. Did you hit plenty of greens regardless of the tee shot? That's why you were 13 of 14 going into the last four holes there?

MICHAEL CONNELL: I did hit a lot of greens. I don't know the specific stats, but I felt like I had pretty good control of my ball today.

Q. Would you attribute maybe the softness of the green coming out of the rough? Just be able to hold them.

MICHAEL CONNELL: That and the fairways I did miss, I really wasn't that far off of position. I did miss a few fairways in the first cut and that kind of bit. So it wasn't like I was that far out of position when I did miss fairways.

Q. Obviously, it's early, but are you pleased with your start?

MICHAEL CONNELL: Sure, absolutely. Always nice to get off to a good start.

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