

Viking Classic
Annandale Golf Club
Madison, MS

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Pre-round quotes

AN INTERVIEW WITH WILL MacKENZIE

(Interview by tape.)

Q. (Inaudible)?

WILL MacKENZIE: It's dicey. Man, it's just so saturated. The ground is so soft, I just can't imagine it drying it out too much during the course of play this week. We had a nice day today. It's not blowing very hard. It might blow a little bit of the moisture out. The greens are perfect, thank goodness. That's what we have. We are going to have to play lift, clean and place, even if it stays dry. If it doesn't rain another drop, we are going to play lift, clean and place, I do believe. You got footprints out there that are three inches deep. As far as lift, clean and place all the way through, I think they will just play that in the fairways. We did that at Turning Stone which was real bizarre. But we needed to.

Q. Some of the guys are saying they could never, ever remember them doing it on TOUR?

WILL MacKENZIE: Yes, I don't remember it.

Q. But you needed to?

WILL MacKENZIE: Yes, you needed to there. Because the whole place is sort of casual water. But here it's saturated, and spongy. I don't think it's that bad in the rough.

Q. It really isn't? It's not as bad in the rough as it is in the fairway?

WILL MacKENZIE: Well, you are putting it in your hands. It's not like we are out there fat and chop. We are only going to fat a specialty shot, you know, like around the green.

If you have the ball in your hand, that's fine, you can tee it up in your hand out there. But you're not going to be able to cut it. You're not going to be able to mow it. It's just a little sad that's the way it is, but they've done a great job with the greens. It will be a fun tournament. It will play a little different than last year.

Q. What if we get more rain, what will you guys do? They are predicting more rain tomorrow. Is it unplayable at some point?

WILL MacKENZIE: I think with another inch of rain it could be borderline.

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