



**CHRIS KIRK ( -15)**

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**Q. Chris, very nice playing today. You've played so well here. What is it about this course that fits your eye?**

**CHRIS KIRK:** Just I'm really comfortable here. I love Sea Island. I lived here for six and a half years, so I played the golf course a lot, SEC Championships and come down here for the RSM Classic. My family and I, we come down here a few other times a year as well.

**Q. Tomorrow we're expecting some different conditions, maybe a little windy. Is there something you would do different in your preparation?**

**CHRIS KIRK:** Not a whole lot different. Thankfully I've played this course in every direction and velocity of wind possible. I'll bet I've got 300-plus rounds in on seaside, so I'm not saying that will make me do any better, but at least I'll know what to expect.

**Q. The football game you're following a little bit, Georgia just went up 7-3. How do you feel about that?**

**CHRIS KIRK:** Good to hear. Hopefully can get a little revenge. Not that beating Kentucky gets revenge on our loss to Auburn last week, but blow off a little steam maybe.

**Q. Austin is in a pretty good mood right now. What are the things he's going to have to avoid tomorrow to try to win and to hold you back also?**

**CHRIS KIRK:** Hopefully I can go play well, making a run. Obviously the weather will dictate a lot of things tomorrow, whether he's kind of able to protect or if he's going to have to keep going. Hopefully, I'll be able to make some birdies and keep my ball into the wind.

**Q. Chris, let's talk about today, 64. Yesterday you had a 70 and I thought you hit it pretty similar, just more putts went in today, right?**

**CHRIS KIRK:** Yeah, definitely rolled it really nice today. I felt like I rolled it good yesterday, too. It was good to see a bunch of them go in today, for sure.

**Q. Golf's such a weird game because yesterday you burnt the edge like six times that didn't go in and today a few did go in, especially some long ones?**

**CHRIS KIRK:** Yeah, absolutely, that was nice. It's such a fickle game, as we all know. Seems to be a lot of times after you have a round like I did on Thursday, seems like the next day they all lip out or burn the edge. That's just the way it goes. Thankfully, today was

really good, solid, steady all-day round and hopefully I can do it again tomorrow.

**Q. Talk about tomorrow, the frame of mind you're in because obviously you're playing with confidence out there, you're hitting some really good iron shots, the putter is getting hot. You've got to feel good, you've won before, you know this place like the back of your hand. I mean, is the confidence level super high?**

**CHRIS KIRK:** Absolutely. It's nice to be back in contention again. It's been a little while for me. But I felt great out there today, I felt really comfortable, and so hopefully it will be the same way tomorrow and I'll keep my foot on the pedal and stay aggressive, try to make some birdies.

**Q. Does a veteran like yourself, do you like that last group, is that fun to be in that last group because you kind of know where you stand because you're playing with the guys right there with you?**

**CHRIS KIRK:** Absolutely, yeah, that's the goal. I would love to be the guy that's up by three or four instead of down by three or four, but it is what it is. You know, I'll probably be relatively comfortable in that situation, and thankfully I've been there before. It's still not easy by any means, but hopefully I'll be able to group together a bunch of good shots and see what it gives me.

**Q. And lastly, I hear a lot of calls, people cheering your name out there. Are those Chris Kirk fans or Georgia Bulldog fans or a combination, because you lived here for a while?**

**CHRIS KIRK:** A little bit of both, yeah. Thankfully, the people here still consider me a local even though I've moved back up to Athens. But yeah, it's a great place for Georgia fans and it's been a great place for me for a long time. We don't live here anymore. We still try to get back down other than the RSM another two or three times during the year, so it still feels like home to me.