

39th U.S. MID-AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP – Player Quotes

Sept. 14-19, 2019, Colorado Golf Club, Parker, Colo., and CommonGround Golf Course, Aurora, Colo.

Drew Kittleson, of Scottsdale, Ariz.

(1-over 73, Colorado Golf Club, Championship – 66-73-139)

(on the course)

“I love the golf course, it’s beautiful. I love how firm it is. When you work and have a family you don’t get to play firm and fast very much so it’s super fun to play. You have to think more than just it’s 150 [yards] and hit it at it.”

(on what he learned today for match play)

“I am glad that I played it in the wind because I really missed some numbers badly today. I was way off. I feel like I have a better grasp on how to play this place in the wind.”

(on closing holes in match play)

“It depends on where you are in the match. [No.] 14 is drivable and then you go par 5, par 5 and a tough par 3. I rather win a hole than have somebody like undercut me. I will probably error on the side of going for it. I am not going to work tomorrow so everything is a win and I might as well just go and attack. If I play well I know I can win.”

(on how his playing experience can help in this format)

“I think a lot of people get here and they are just excited to be here. I am fortunate to have played in so many USGA events. I am not just here to soak it in, I am here to play and hopefully play at a high level.”

Notes

Competing in his 8th USGA championship and first U.S. Mid-Amateur

7 – par 5 – tee shot downwind, trickled into bunker, 130-yard sand wedge, 10-foot eagle putt