**U.S. Junior Amateur Championship**

**Monday, July 19, First Round, The Country Club of North Carolina**

**KELLY CHINN, Great Falls, Va. (64, -8, Dogwood Course, course record)**

(about his new 5-wood)

I hit it into 12 and 18 and eagled 12 and birdied 18. It’s a new addition to the bag. I knew that a lot of the par 5s required that kind of distance. I had a 3-iron before but it went a little too low so this one gives it a little more height and it obviously paid off today.

(what is working well for him)

I am driving the ball great and I am striking the ball really well. I putting it right where I want to be. I made the putts when I have good looks. I made one long putt for eagle but other than that all the birdies were pretty close. I am just trying to manage myself around this course.

(past USGA championship experience)

It’s been huge. I feel comfortable in this situation. Obviously, I was in a similar situation as I am now three years ago. But in general playing USGA events, USGA set-ups and courses I just feel confident with my game. Just knowing my game suits how they set the course.

(on the Dogwood Course)

Unbelievable course. The layout is awesome. It’s in great shape this week. It’s a challenge but it is also really fair. You got to hit some good shots to make birdies. It’s a really good test.

(on the whether being medalist is a goal)

Honestly today was about going out and play some golf. I am not really focused on being medalist or anything. I have learned that in match play it doesn’t matter what seed you are. You just have to get into match play. The higher you go the lower seed you play and the more comfortable you will be and there’s less pressure.