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

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

Ben Warnquist, Gaithersburg, Md.
(4-under 68, Colorado Golf Club, First Round)

(on his round)
“I got off to a slow start but when I made the turn I got motivated, hit a few good shots and made a few putts. I birdied [holes] 10, 11 and 12 which was encouraging because you have two par 5s after that.”

(on how he has gained confidence)
“I would say I am a good qualifier. I would like to get a little deeper into match play. My goal is to make it a little deeper because I have not done that in a while.”

(on what is good about his game)
“I have become well-rounded. I found a lot of distance maybe two years ago and I have been hitting it straighter. I have always been a good putter and an iron player. Keeping it inside the course is helping me a lot.”

(on tomorrow)
“The course (CommonGround) is friendly off the tee. I will not try to steer it around and hit drivers, and if I hit it in the rough, no big deal. But I will try and not be super conservative.”

Notes
10 – 20-foot birdie putt
11 – par 3 – 7-iron (best swing of the day) to within 4 feet for birdie
12 – (best drive of the day) … had 135-yard approach to set up birdie
14 – 5-iron off the tee … lob wedge to within 5 feet for birdie
15 – par 5 – third shot approach to set up 5-foot birdie putt
16 – par 5 – 7-iron second-shot approach to within 25 feet … 2-putt birdie