

U.S. Mid-Amateur

Saturday, Sept. 9, 2023
Fenway Golf Club
Scarsdale, N.Y.

**Brice Wilkinson,
Brandon, Miss.**

3-under 67 (first round, stroke play)



Q. You had quite a finish, going birdie-birdie-birdie on holes 16-18?

Wilkinson: "Sixteen, hit it down the fairway, hit it to 10 feet, made it. Seventeen, hit it to 3 feet with a 7-iron. Then 18, hit my tee shot in the left rough, then laid up in the right rough. Hit up there to 15 feet and made it. The putter helped me out a little bit."

Q. A guy from Mississippi is probably used to stifling heat and humidity?

Wilkinson: "Super standard. I thought I was coming up here [to the Northeast] to get away from this humidity and [heat]. It's not nearly as bad as it is back home right now. It's like 102 with 100 percent humidity. It's brutal."

Q. Is this your first Mid-Am?

Wilkinson: "It is. Youngest player in the field. Turned 25 [on July 25]."

Q. Nice way to start in this event?

Wilkinson: "I like it. Everybody is 25, 30, 35 and older guys. I like that. They're not taking it too serious like kids in the U.S. Am. Everybody is laid back and having fun."

Q. Has to be challenging balancing law school and competitive golf?

Wilkinson: "You wouldn't believe how hard it is to take a week off of class to come up here. [My instructors] are great."

Note – Played in college at University of Southern Mississippi

Played in 2016 U.S. Junior Amateur (MC)

Currently in second year of law school at Mississippi College in Jackson. Got an undergraduate and master's degree at USM two years ago.

Never turned professional

Plans to get into real estate and transactional stuff. Not looking to be a litigator.

Eight birdies in the round. Five bogeys.

Enjoying time in NYC. Went to Yankees game on Friday night. Went into NYC after round

Plays a lot of golf with Joseph Deraney