

U.S. Amateur

Tuesday, Aug. 13, 2024
Hazeltine National Golf Club
Chaska Town Course

**Noah Kent,
Naples, Fla.**

6-under 64 (second round, stroke play)



Q. Great turnaround from yesterday (7-over, 77)

Kent: “Yesterday was just hard. I hit it really good, so coming into today, I just knew if I hit it the same it was going to be about the putts being able to drop. I birdied by first hole (No. 10) and I was off and running. I just knew it was going to be a good day.”

Q. Course beating you up yesterday or yourself?

Kent: “I just made four bad swings. That’s all it takes out there. It’s a championship golf course that’ll kick you right in the rear end.”

Q. What changed today?

Kent: “I didn’t put any stress on myself. I just tried to make it as easy as possible. My caddy and I talked about how it’s a one-hole tournament and just worrying about the hole directly in front of me.”

Q. What’s your mentality going into match play?

Kent: “I feel like I’m a player that’s built for match play. I hit it long and make a lot of birdies so I think I’ll be hard to beat. I’m pretty straight but I’m also very long. I think my opponents might try to step on it a bit more and make them go a little nuts.”