

**ROUND 1 INTERVIEW: PATTON KIZZIRE**  
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**Q. Talk about the round today, it was a little up and down for you?**

**PATTON KIZZIRE:** Yeah, I played really well, especially I hit the ball really well. My putting was pretty suspect. That was about as bad as I've putted in a long time. Feel like I turned a 64 or 7 to 71, which is not a whole lot of fun. But I'm encouraged by the way I'm hitting the ball and just looking forward to tomorrow.

**Q. Is representing Auburn in your backyard what you thought it would be like?**

**PATTON KIZZIRE:** Yeah, yeah. I'm enjoying being here. It's a course I'm familiar with and it's fun to see friends and family out here and people I haven't seen in a while coming to watch me play, so I'm having a good time.

**Q. Anybody in particular that you were pumped to see. We actually spoke before when you first learned that you were in the tournament and you said there may be some people you haven't seen in quite a bit. Was there anybody in particular that kind of stands out?**

**PATTON KIZZIRE:** Well, I don't get to see my family that much. It's nice to have my mom, dad, sister and other family members out. To have everybody here is pretty rare, so that's nice.

**Q. Anything you're going to really think about tonight besides putting, or is that just --**

**PATTON KIZZIRE:** It was just one of those days. I'm certainly going to -- I feel like no matter what, I'll do better tomorrow. It was disappointing today, but I know they'll start falling.

**Q. Did you put a little extra pressure on yourself just kind of being a home one?**

**PATTON KIZZIRE:** I was excited to begin the day and there's always that -- I always add pressure to myself. I try not to do it, but I want to do well so bad that sometimes you can get in your own way. But I've played a lot of tournaments before and I know how to handle it, so I'm looking forward to tomorrow.

**Q. You mentioned before that moving away from Auburn really helped your professional career. Have you ever thought about why that was?**

**PATTON KIZZIRE:** You know, I just started -- I was surrounding myself with other professionals, lots of them, and guys who were there to guide me a little bit. I didn't quite

have a lot of guidance after school. So getting down there and working with Randy Myers and Todd Anderson and having a lot of friends who were well ahead of me in the professional ranks is nice to emulate them and learn from them and compete against them on a daily basis.

**Q. You said yesterday that you hadn't played here in a few years and that you hadn't played here since they changed the grass on the greens. What are the main differences in the course that you noticed today?**

**PATTON KIZZIRE:** The greens are kind of crusty. They're not that firm but they're just a little slippery. They're in great shape. The course is -- I've never seen the course as good as it is now, so that's nice to see the good changes they made. I think everybody likes it.