

**NCAA Baton Rouge Regional
Round 1 Quotes – May 15, 2017**

Chuck Winstead, Head Coach, LSU

On the importance of getting off to a fast start ...

“You always want to play well. Certainly, in any event, if you get off to a good start it makes everybody more comfortable. That was really our primary goal today, to get as comfortable as possible as early as possible. The easiest way to think about it is they’ve seen each situation. For us, it’s measuring their execution. They know where they should hit it. They know where they should miss it. If we execute, we should be OK.”

On the strategy of his team playing its home course ...

“When you play a golf course that you haven’t played before, then the strategy of figuring out the holes and that type of thing is a little bit more at play. Certainly, there’s still strategy for our guys. From the perspective that when they go out there, the easiest thing to do when you’re 18 to 21 and incredibly talented is to feel that you’re going to take down the golf course. Today was a great day, but the next two days, if it blows 10 to 20 miles per hour like the forecast says, this golf course will end up taking its toll on everybody out here.”

On the shape of the University Club hosting regional play...

“It’s in really good shape. It played fantastic today. Anything even (par) or better would have been a great score today. You can kind of tell that with the scores. You’ve got three teams, I think, under par right now. One of them at 1-under par. Even-par scores out here, and in particular if the wind gets up like it’s going to the next couple of days, are very good scores around this golf course.”

Sam Burns, Sophomore, LSU

On the key to his opening-round 65 ...

“I made a lot of putts, I think that’s kind of what gave me some momentum. I birdied No. 2, made a good putt there. Unfortunately, I hit it in the water on No. 5, the par-three. I kept fighting and got some putts to go in, so it was good to keep that up.”

On the team’s postseason experience entering regional play ...

“Any time you have experience in doing something that you’ve already done is an advantage in itself. Coach (Chuck) Winstead and Coach (Garrett) Runion have done a great job. They have a lot of experience in the postseason. The mindset that we have going forward, you can’t get ahead of yourself, even if you’re winning the golf tournament. We just have to stay focused and keep doing what we’re doing.”

On the team’s familiarity with the University Club ...

“It starts off with a game plan. Before we get out here, we already kind of know what we’re going to do on each hole. We know the wind direction. We know where the pin is going to be, or have a good idea, and we’ve seen it before. I think any time you kind of know ahead of time what you’re expecting, that always helps.”

On the advantage of playing an NCAA Regional on LSU's home course ...

"It's definitely an advantage. Any time you come out and you feel comfortable out here, and you kind of know where to hit it to certain pins, you kind of play a little more off of instinct rather than looking at a yardage book or something like that. Feeling comfortable is a huge advantage. I think it's everywhere. On certain holes, you know which side of the fairway you want to be on. If you miss it, you want to miss it on a certain side. That's through the whole golf course."

On the team's mindset heading into the second round ...

"Obviously, it's a marathon and not a sprint. We still have another 36 holes to go. All of us, the whole team, we've just need to keep doing what we've been doing and in the end be where we want to be."

Wyndham Clark, Senior, Oregon

On where Oregon stands after the first round ...

"Based on our scores and some other people's scores, it was a little challenging. I think we're in a good spot, so we're looking forward for tomorrow."

On the advantage LSU has playing the University Club ...

"It's not too often, but a course like this, it definitely does because of the greens. They've played these greens and hit shots into them, so they know what to expect. It's a little bit tougher for us coming from Oregon and the weather and stuff like that, but at the same time, it's no excuse. They have a little bit of an advantage, but I still think we have a good shot."

On the balance of playing to win while also aiming for a top-five finish ...

"It's a little different because most events you go into trying to win. We are, but at the same time, in the back of your mind you're like, 'Alright, we just have to get Top 5 and we just want to make it to nationals.' It's a fine balance of kind of monitoring your expectations, but at the same time you want to try to go out and win because if you fall just short you're still going to make it."

Danny Walker, Junior, Virginia

On playing the course for the first time and the tricky greens ...

"Yesterday we tried to putt on every part of the greens during the practice round, then after the round we worked on some speed drills and hit some long putts to make sure we had the speed down. Our home course has sloping greens, so it's not something we haven't seen before."

On if he is satisfied with his opening-round 67 ...

"I was pretty pleased with that. After playing the practice round yesterday, I thought that even par or better would be a real solid score."

On regionals being different than other tournaments...

"I think it's best to have the mindset that you want to win the tournament because if you're focused on getting fifth you might miss it and get sixth. We realize that even though we are a top seed we don't need to get overly aggressive, we need to stay patient. I think that's what I did and what we did today, we just stayed patient and played our game, and if we had a bogie or any adversity we handled it."