

# Shriners Children's Open

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## Kurt Kitayama

### Quick Quotes

**Q. Kurt, in with 65. Probably happy to be finished I would say.**

KURT KITAYAMA: Yeah, definitely.

**Q. What was special about that round? Bogey-free, but you had a nice stretch of birdies on the...**

KURT KITAYAMA: Yeah, stayed patient all day because I felt like I had some good looks early that weren't falling. Hit the lip on a couple, and then finally kind of got it going with the birdie on 9, 10, 11.

And then, yeah, for the most part just solid all day.

**Q. Nice to finally play with not too much wind?**

KURT KITAYAMA: Yeah, definitely.

**Q. What do you look forward to tomorrow the most? You've played here a lot. You understand this golf course, and it looks like it's going to be a perfect day tomorrow.**

KURT KITAYAMA: Yeah, much the same. Just keep giving myself as many looks as I can and hopefully get a lot to fall.

**Q. Kurt, obviously Doug and JT right now with the numbers to beat. They have to get up tomorrow morning and finish off their third round; you, however, can focus on the final round tomorrow. How big of an advantage is that for you?**

KURT KITAYAMA: Yeah, I think it's nice knowing that I can sleep in a little bit and not have to wake up, finish a hole, and wait around for however long it's going to be.

So that's going to be nice to get a full night's rest. You know, got third round done and just focus for tomorrow.

**Q. Obviously you went the first eight holes of your round today without any birdies, and then the birdie**



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**came on 9. How do you stay patient to that point without pushing too much?**

KURT KITAYAMA: I just told myself I was hitting good putts. Just burned edges. If I keep giving myself good looks they're going to fall. That's how I went through that round.

**Q. When you made that birdie on 9, did you feel like it was on, like something clicked and you're ready to make a tear?**

KURT KITAYAMA: It's nice to see a putt fall from outside three feet. Just used that and gained momentum there.

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