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IOWA MEN'S GOLF

HAWKEYES IN THIRD AT BIG TEN CHAMPIONSHIPS THROUGH THREE ROUNDS

MAPLE PLAINS, MN - - University of Iowa sophomore **Barrett Kelpin** shot a three-over par 74 to lead the Hawkeyes at the second day of the Big Ten Championships, as Iowa sits in third place through 54 holes. The final 18 holes will be played at Windsong Farm Golf Club Sunday, with tee times beginning at 8 a.m.

As a team the Hawkeyes recorded a 304 total on Saturday for a 54-hole total of 878. First day leader Illinois remains in first place (862) after shooting 300 on Saturday. Michigan moved into second with a third round score of 294, as the Wolverines were the only team to shoot under 300. Saturday's third round featured a steady wind of 20 to 25 miles per hour throughout the day, with temperatures in the upper 50's. Northwestern is fourth, just one stroke behind the Hawkeyes, while Purdue is another four strokes back in fifth place.

Kelpin's round of 74 earned him a tie for third place with Zach Barlow of Illinois. Michigan's Matt Thompson shot a three-under 68 Saturday to move into a first place tie with David Lipsky of Northwestern. Thompson was the only golfer in the field to shoot under par in the third round, while just three additional golfers were able to match par with scores of 71.

Hawkeye Junior **Vince India** shot 75 on Saturday after two rounds of 73 on Friday. India is tied for 17th in the individual standings. Sophomores **Brad George** and **Chris Brant** shot scores of 77 and 78, respectively, while junior **Brad Hopfinger** completed Iowa's scoring with an 80.

"Friday we played well right from the start," noted Iowa Coach **Mark Hankins**. "Saturday, the first holes were tough. You had to hang in there and take advantage of the downwind holes. It will be very similar conditions Sunday. We continued to work throughout the day and played the backside well to finish strong."

Playing in the final group of the day, Kelpin began the round with a double bogey on the first hole and a bogey on two. He was four over par when he chipped in on the par three seventh hole to get a stroke back and he ended the nine with consecutive pars. After a bogey on 11, Kelpin birdied the par five 12. He bogeyed 15 before making par-saving putts on 16 and 17. His second shot on the par 5, 18th hole found the green, where he got down in two to end the round with his third birdie of the day.

"I just tried not to get too bent out of shape early," said Kelpin. "I tried to keep hitting good shots into the wind and put the ball in the right spot on the green. The chip in on seven got me going. Once I made the turn at three over I felt under control going into the back nine. I played solid on the back nine all the way around.

"I just laid it up short and holed a good putt there," added Kelpin of his birdie at 12. "That got me back on track after a disappointing bogey on 11. I made a good put on 17 to save par after hitting into the sand. I hit a great drive on 18 to put myself in great shape and give myself a shot for birdie."

"Team wise, we will continue to play to our individual strengths and the team score will take care of itself," added Hankins. "Playing with the leaders is a good position. Last year we were there as well.

Hopefully this year we will do better in that position. Obviously the closer you are to the leaders the better off you are.” Iowa finished sixth in the Big Ten Championships a year ago.

Iowa will play the final 18 holes of the event Sunday paired with Illinois and Michigan, with the Hawkeye tee times beginning at 8:50 a.m. Fans can follow live results at golfstatresults.com.

Team Scores (through 54 holes)

1. Illinois	281	281	300	862
2. Michigan	286	294	294	874
3. Iowa	288	286	304	878
4. Northwestern	292	286	301	879
5. Purdue	293	284	306	883
6. Indiana	289	290	306	885
7. Ohio State	293	292	308	893
8. Minnesota	301	289	306	886
9. Penn State	296	294	307	897
10. Michigan State	298	291	310	899
11. Wisconsin	298	300	314	912

Individual Leaders (Top Five, plus Iowa)

T1. David Lipsky, Northwestern	67	72	71	210
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T3. Barrett Kelpin, Iowa	69	69	74	212
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5. Jack Schulze, Michigan	69	73	71	213
T17. Vince India, Iowa	73	73	75	221
T22. Brad George, Iowa	73	73	77	223
T28. Chris Brant, Iowa	76	71	78	225
T31. Brad Hopfinger, Iowa	73	73	80	226