



**Name:** Chris Kirk  
**College:** University of Georgia  
**Year:** Senior  
**High School:** Etowah High School

***Accomplishments:***

- > Named to 2006 and 2007 Palmer Cup teams
- > 2006-2007 Ben Hogan Award Finalist
- > 2006 PING First-Team All-American
- > 2006 Golf Coaches Assoc. of America First Team All-American
- > Three individual titles thus far in 2006-2007 season
- > Finished second at 2006 NCAA National Championship
- > Helped Bulldogs claim SEC Championship titles in 2005 and 2006
- > Three-time First Team All-SEC (2005-2007)
- > Member of 2002 and 2003 Canon Cup East Teams
- > Led Etowah High School to state title in 2002
- > 2003 *Atlanta Journal-Constitution* Boys Golfer of the Year
- > Three-time Cherokee County Golfer of the Year (2001-2003)

***Interview with Chris Kirk:***

**Tell us a little bit about your experiences playing Atlanta Junior Golf:**

"It's where I got my start. It was a great experience playing Atlanta Junior Golf events. Playing in the events taught me a lot about competitive golf, and really helped me springboard to playing bigger events."

**What is it like at UGA, playing in a team atmosphere?:**

"We have a relaxed atmosphere. Coach Haack let's us do our thing. We are responsible for practicing which a lot of the guys do away from regular tournament play. It's a unique team dynamic since we spend so much time together."

**How often do you practice?:**

"We're always out practicing, if not, we're playing. The team will play a lot on weekends or during the day when we don't have matches. We are always working on various parts of our game, but mostly the short game. Everyone could find room to improve in that part of their game."

**What have you learned from playing collegiate golf, after starting in Atlanta Junior Golf?:**

"Young people live and die by every shot. I have played in a lot of tournaments and hope to play in a lot more tournaments. The idea is to stay patient. You are going to have great rounds and not-so-good rounds. If you have a bad round, it's okay. I had a tendency when I was younger to focus shot-by-shot and younger players do that a lot. But don't worry about it. Enjoy the round."



**Do you have a fond memory of playing Atlanta Junior Golf?:**

"It's hard to believe, but I remember playing with Luke List at the Grand Championship. It's funny to think we played together there when I was 12 years old, and now we're playing at the highest level in college golf." (*Luke List is a former Atlanta Junior Golf member and a senior at Vanderbilt University.*)