

39th U.S. MID-AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP – Player Quotes

Sept. 14-19, 2019, Colorado Golf Club, Parker, Colo., and CommonGround Golf Course, Aurora, Colo.

Brandon Dalinka, of New York, N.Y.
(4-under 68, Colorado Golf Club, Championship – 68-69--137)

(on why he is playing well)

“My ball-striking was really good this week. I had some three-putts yesterday but today I dialed in the putter. I made eight birdies today, I was up and down, it was a roller coaster back nine. I made a lot of putts which saved me.”

(on why he is having a solid summer)

“I haven’t put so much pressure on myself. I have played less golf, kind of relaxed and tried and have more fun with it. Take it less seriously, but still seriously, if that makes sense.”

(on his comfort level with Colorado Golf Club)

“It’s a beautiful course, the greens are phenomenal. It’s probably in the best shape of any course I have ever played. It’s a great finish for match play. You’ve got both par 5s which are good risk-reward holes. It should make for good finishes coming down the stretch.”

(on bouncing back from bogeys with birdies)

“I just tried to stay calm. My dad is on the bag and he has kept me level-headed. I made a couple of mental mistakes not calculating the altitude which cost me two bogeys. I rolled a lot putts in and got lucky.”

(on the possibility of being medalist)

“It would mean a lot. I have never made match play in an USGA event and that was my goal coming in to give myself a chance. There are so many good players here, it would mean a lot.”

Notes

6th USGA championship, first time he has advanced to match play, first U.S. Mid-Amateur
13 – driver found the fescue, 60-degree wedge hit short of green and rolled up, 10-foot birdie putt
15 – found the back-left bunker on his second shot to the par 5, up and down, 3-foot birdie putt
16 – 30-foot downhill birdie putt and that hit the hole and went in