

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

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

Garrett Rank, of Canada  
(3-under 69, Colorado Golf Club, First Round)

(on his round)

“It was tricky, playing really firm and fast. On a 529-yard hole when you can hit a 2-iron off the tee and 6-iron onto the green, it’s kind of amazing. It is so much different than back home. I made one mistake, a double bogey, and [I] didn’t capitalize on the par 5s. I hit two great drives on the par 5s and made par on both those holes and then missed one I felt I could have made on the last [18]. Overall, I kept it in front of me in the fairway and got it on the green. It was pretty stress free.”

(on playing in U.S. Mid-Amateur for first time since 2013 due to his job as an NHL official)

“I feel like it is a bonus tournament. I feel lucky to be here. I haven’t been able to play the last few years, so playing with that attitude, and hopefully that attitude will give way to a good week.”

(on how Western Amateur win boosted his confidence)

“So cool to be honest. Lot of confidence from it and it really hasn’t sunk. I am sure during the dog days of winter or in the airport or in a snowstorm somewhere I will be able to enjoy it more. I am really thrilled with that. I have been chasing a big one for a long time and had a lot of good results, it was finally nice to get my name on the trophy.”

(on rebounding from the double-bogey at No. 6)

“At the U.S. Am(ateur) I found myself playing really conservative, just trying to make par. I came out here with a different attitude and tried to be really aggressive. I hit driver on No. 8 and driver on No. 14, trying to drive the green. I knew with that back-left pin on No. 8 that just hitting an iron and trying to hit a wedge in there close, for me I had no chance. I tried to get it up there pin-high right or in that front bunker. I hit a great tee ball into the front bunker on the upslope and just had to pop it on the green. It was a tough shot still, but a made a nice 6-7 footer. I hit it to one foot on No. 9 which was nice because I felt like I was playing really good and to turn the front nine in one-under was nice.”

### Notes

Has played in two U.S. Mid-Amateurs, 2012 (runner-up) and 2013 (Round of 64)

8 – par 4 – driver into front bunker ... up and down for birdie

9 – 155-yard, 46-degree wedge approach to within one foot for birdie

13 – wedge approach to within 4 feet to set up a birdie

14 – par 4 – driver to just off the front right of green ... 5-foot birdie putt