

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

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

Robbie Ziegler, Portland, Ore.
(5-under 67, Colorado Golf Club, First Round)

(on the round)

"Everything was steady. I hit a lot of fairways and a lot of greens. I was fortunate to make a couple of mid-range putts to keep the momentum going during the middle of the round. But my back nine (the course's front nine) I hit it close a bunch and I made all of them [putts] essentially. It was real steady and the rest took care of itself."

"My ball-striking was great. I just kept it in the fairway all day and hit a bunch of greens. You keep hitting green,s once in a while they are going to get close, and the putter came through for me today."

(on playing in a USGA championship)

"I have played in these before so I have a good feel for what we need to do in the stroke-play portion. You don't want to be too aggressive, conservative lines and aggressive swings kind of thing, at least the first day of the tournament. I kind of stuck to that game plan and it worked out."

(on why he is playing well this year)

"I hit it relatively straight. I like to think I hit a lot of greens and my putter is really good too. I just try to keep the ball in front of me and stay out of trouble and limit the big numbers."

(on his eagle and double bogey)

"I hit it to 20 feet and was fortunate to make that. I was rewarded for that shot [5-iron]. I hit a really good shot. [On 17] that's a really tough pin and I actually played out to the right where I thought I was supposed to. It's hard to stop it by the hole there so it rolled down into the rough. I hit a good chip and missed it. But I wasn't too worried about it, I was playing good at the time."

Notes

16 – par 5 – 5-iron second shot, 20-foot eagle putt

17 – par 3 – double bogey ... missed green to right

1 – par 5 – 20-foot birdie putt

5 – 190-yard, 8-iron approach, rolled back to hole, 10-foot birdie putt

7 – par 5 – downwind 6-iron over the green, chipped to within 10 feet for birdie

8 – 100-yard approach, played out to right, uphill 30-foot birdie putt

9 – pitching wedge to set up 10-foot birdie putt