

65th U.S. SENIOR AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP – Player Quotes

Aug. 24-29, 2019, Old Chatham Golf Club, Durham, N.C.

Chip Lutz, Reading, Pa.

(75-68--143, 1-under)

“It was a marked changed from yesterday. Obviously, the weather had a bit to do with it. But I was a little unsettled getting started yesterday, made a couple of bogeys early and then the rains came. And I just kind of fought it all day. I was getting up and down and making some good saves to keep myself in it with a reasonable score. Seventy-five wasn’t great, but it was a combination of things.” (On improvement from Day 1)

“Today I kind of settled down a little bit. I had a nice, easy ball-striking round and a great putting round. I think it was a combination of everything. I was a little more calm and more settled, knowing I had to play well. Just kind of executing and hitting the ball properly and putting it in the right places. Really a better thought process. I was in a better place today.”

“Surely to get better from 68 is going to be a tall order. No question about it. I definitely felt more confident with my swing today. I was all over the lot yesterday. Today I was taking a little bit more time on my backswing and setting myself in the proper spot and getting good tempo. Really go through a good thought process.”

“Obviously there is an experience factor, which is helpful and a calming effect knowing that you have been there before. You do get some experience. The other thing is there’s the law of diminishing returns with age as well. This is my 10 th. I am noticing my driving is not as long, but my iron play is still pretty solid. And my putting was good. So all things considered, I am pleased.”

“Rees Jones designed Ledge Rock Golf Club (home course). I have to text him back to tell him what I think about the course. I sent him a note after we played the first practice round. I said I had no idea this was your course, your design. There’s a lot of similarities to Ledge Rock in terms of the bunkering and the visual piece.” (On Old Chatham)

Note

Lutz had advanced to match play in all 10 U.S. Senior Amateurs played. He won the championship in 2015 and has reached the semifinals in 2010, 2011, 2013 and 2018.