

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

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

Dean Channell, Cary, N.C.

(68-74--142, 2-under)

(on the difference in conditions from yesterday)

"I didn't have to play in the rain. It got windy on the back side but that's no excuse I just hit a few bad shots and missed a few putts here and there."

(on his play today)

"I was really happy when I bogeyed (No.) 7 and turned around and came back and birdied (holes) 8 and 9. That was good and put me at 5-under and gave me a lot of cushion. I would have loved to have finished more positively. It was pretty nice to get up and down on 18 from the bunker. I hit a pretty good drive and still had 207 (yards). That wind is straight in there. I knew I was in (match play), there wasn't much pressure."

(on what happened after he reached 5-under for the championship)

"I hit two good shots on 10 and the putt just lipped out. And then on 11 I hit it in that deep rough and I had to scrape around. I made a par but it seemed like the light went off a little bit. And then on the par-5 14th I thought I would get it back to even for the day. I hit it down there 30 yards from the green and I am in a mud puddle but not casual water. I ended up making par but it was birdie opportunity. On 17 I hit it in the right bunker and I was dead."

(on making match play for the first time in the U.S. Senior Amateur)

"I feel like if I play well enough I ought to make it. It's not like out-of-the-ordinary golf. I am playing decent golf so maybe I am competitive. You know how match play is."

(on playing well in his home area)

"It's fun. If you get to go to one of these it's a cool deal. I am not like Paul Simson with 67 of them, I have played in eight. It might be the last for me so getting to go is cool."

### Notes

8 – 120-yard pitching wedge to set up 6-foot birdie putt

9 – 25-foot birdie putt

18 – up-and-down for par, approach found left greenside bunker, 8-foot par putt

\*Reached match play in a USGA championship for first time since 2001 U.S. Mid-Amateur (advanced in 15-for-9 playoff and lost to eventual champion Tim Jackson, 1 up, in Round of 64)