

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

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

Doug Hanzel, Savannah, Ga.

(71-71--142, 2-under)

“I made two bogeys today, hit all 18 greens and three-putted both of them.” Missed a 5-footer on 18 for par. “I hit the putt right where I wanted it. I just misread it. I played it right edge and it didn’t move an inch.” (on overall play)

“I’ve hit it pretty good. I am putting it better. I hit a lot of good putts that didn’t go in. I left a 6-footer on [17] just dead in short. I fell in love with the line and didn’t hit it. The golf course is very good. The greens are very good. So there’s no reason not to make putts. It’s wide enough to keep it in play. But I’ve been hitting my driver really well. I hit it far enough to have some relatively easy shots in.”

“We had a rough day yesterday, but surprisingly my good nine was my back nine, which is the front nine [at Old Chatham]. I shot four under. And it really should have been a [6-under] 30. I had two corner lip-outs. That was as good of ball-striking nine holes as I’ve played, maybe ever. But I’m just happy to play well and make it to match play.”

“I don’t know. A couple of times I had good yardages with wedges, which was nice. And I hit it close. I don’t mind the back nine. I can shoot three or four under on the back, too.” (on playing the outward nine in a combined 5 under with no bogeys)

This is my eighth Senior Am. Made match play every year. Won once (2013). Lost in the semis once. Think I’ve lost in the quarters twice. Lost in the first round once to Paul Simson in 2015 at Hidden Creek.

“Continue doing what I’m doing. I’m hitting it good. Hopefully a few more putts will go in. The biggest problem I’ve had is I’ve hit a lot of putts where I wanted, I’ve just misread them.” (on putting)

“I thought if I could get to 4 under, I could [be medalist]. I was three under back there and putting for an easy birdie on 17 and then coming in here, I drove right down the middle into a patch of mud. It’s one of those shots you think you can lay sod over it and hit it 50 yards because of the mud. Medalists can be beat in the first round [too]. You just want to play well in match play.” (on being medalist)