

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

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

Gene Elliott, West Des Moines, Iowa

(76-68--144, even par)

(on his bogey-free round)

“If you hit in the rough you are staring bogey right between the eyes. I don’t know how I was bogey-free. I didn’t drive the ball that great today but I drove in enough fairways and made a couple of great up and downs out of bunkers. Just kept the round alive.”

(on difference between yesterday and today)

“I was tough with the rain. Some of the guys shot some good scores in the rain and I was shocked. I wasn’t that disappointed with 76 yesterday. I putted and chipped really well today and I finally got a few iron shots to go toward the flag. The rain didn’t help me yesterday but anyhow I was glad there was no rain today.”

(on playing better heading into match play)

“I am definitely trending in the right direction. I didn’t play bad with the 76 but the conditions were not a lot of fun. Looking forward to match play and in match play anything can happen.”

(on whether it his time to win a USGA championship)

“You just never know. If you knock on the door long enough maybe it will open and maybe it won’t. I have had a good run in senior golf the last couple of years. I really came into this tournament trying to put no pressure on myself. This is the big one everybody wants to win but I have just been trying to downplay it and just go out and have fun.”

(on if he is inspired by his peers who have won championships)

“Senior golf got me excited ... watching them be successful and then hoping that I could be successful when I turned 55.”

Notes

5 – 7-iron approach to set up a 4-foot birdie putt

6 – pitching wedge on par 5, curling 20-foot birdie putt with a 4-foot break

11 – 9-iron from bunker to set up a 5-foot birdie putt

15 – downhill 15-foot birdie putt