

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

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

Titus Harris, Houston, Texas

(Round of 64, def. Chip Lutz, 2 up)

(on coming from behind)

“It feels really good. It was quite unexpected (due to several factors). The fact that he is a former champion of this event and the fact that I have been an empty nester for three days and came in here on Friday afternoon after dropping my daughter off at school to get here for a practice round. It’s been kind of a whirlwind and I just wanted to try and play reasonably well. Frankly, this is very, very unexpected. The beginning of the match was as expected but I started to hit a few shots and make a few putts.”

(on what turned his play around)

“It was just one of those things, it was quirky timing. I drove the ball well all day and almost nothing else worth a darn until about six or seven holes to go. [I] started hitting good approach shots and rolling the ball a little better so that was a big difference. I can’t put my finger on why but somehow 10 or 12 holes into it my iron play started to match up with the way I was driving it.”

(on his expectations after not playing in a USGA championship since 2009)

“Low. I was more focused on getting my only child [Kate] moved into the dorm at Baylor [University] and all the emotions that go with that. Transportation-wise I was chasing hard just to get here and have a practice round. Her mom and I were really more focused on getting her settled in. We are helicopter parents. She is an only child and all of that. The timing of this is unusual.”

Notes

Harris last played in a USGA championship in the 2009 U.S. Mid-Amateur

He advanced to the quarterfinals of the 2001 U.S. Mid-Amateur, losing to eventual champion Tim Jackson

*Harris was 3 down after 12 holes in today’s match

14 – 235-yard hybrid on second shot to par 5, drew to middle of green, two-putted from 18 feet for birdie

16 – 9-iron approach from edge of pine straw on right side of fairway to set up 6-foot birdie putt (match tied)

17 – 9-iron on par 3 over top of flagstick and made 8-foot birdie putt (1 up)

18 – driver, hybrid, chipped from right collar of green with 52-degree wedge to close range (conceded par)