

# U.S. Mid-Amateur Championship

Press Conference

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## Derek Busby



Patience will win and conserving energy will be the game plan here.

**Q. I know you wanted to be aggressive and you came out of the gate fast here.**

DEREK BUSBY: Yep. The way the course is set up I think you can get off to a quick start if you're aggressive.

I was aggressive again and made a 20-foot birdie putt on 1. Really set the tone. He hit a good putt on 2 for birdie; just missed it.

Then I made par on top of him there.

Then kind of got in a rhythm. Again, short game kind of saved me today. I did not strike it very well. I've got some work to do. To compete this afternoon I'm going to have to hit it a little better.

I don't think I made any bogeys until maybe the last hole.

**Q. Yeah.**

DEREK BUSBY: So all in all, good, solid round.

**Q. Birdied 6 to go 4-up.**

DEREK BUSBY: I did. Let me get to 6. 6 they played with the tee markers a lot, so we laid back off that tee just because I had a good lead. I hit a good 9-iron in there to ten feet to a conceded birdie there because he was going to make bogey. So that one was a pickup on 6.

**Q. You still like the changes you and Butch Harmon worked on?**

DEREK BUSBY: Yeah, yeah. I've got a little work to do on ball striking, but the good thing is I know exactly what I'm doing out there. I know when the misses show up what causes them. Just got to go put the work in on the range.

**Q. There is a little backup because there has been some overtime matches today. Do you know how to deal with that with all your experience?**

DEREK BUSBY: Yeah, absolutely. You learn in these events to pace yourself. I didn't play many shots on the practice rounds; didn't warmup too long this morning. It's all about conserving energy. This afternoon will be hot. It will be a good match whoever I play.

