

# U.S. Open Championship 2018

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## Matt Parziale

### Flash Interview

THE MODERATOR: Next on the Flash area is Matt Parziale, who is tied for Low Amateur in the championship at 16 over par.

**Q. You get half a trophy, which is better than nothing at all.**

MATT PARZIALE: Yeah.

**Q. How does it feel to have achieved what you did out here?**

MATT PARZIALE: Yeah, I was happy to play well all four days. I wouldn't say that I played great. I played pretty steady for four days.

Rounds can obviously always be better at all times, but I'm happy with the way I stayed in it. I had some rough stretches today and responded well. I doubled 13, and then to play the rest of the way 1 under, I was happy with that.

**Q. Can you separate the play from the goal? Can you think, I just need to play well, then I can win the trophy, or are you thinking, I want to win the trophy?**

MATT PARZIALE: No, I'm never thinking -- I never have goals or expectations or think about winning. I do well when I get into the process, and that's really my only goal. And usually, you have a chance down the stretch, when you stick to that for the first whatever it is, if it's a four-day event or a three-day event. If you stick to that, usually if you're playing well, you can have a chance down the stretch.

**Q. Talking about rough stretches, what were your hardships today?**

MATT PARZIALE: So 8 and 9, I drove right down the middle of the fairway into a divot. That was an unfortunate break. Then the putt I hit, I probably hit a six-footer there. I thought I had a really good putt, probably bounced a little off the face and didn't go in. I thought I hit a really good putt on 9 to save par. That also didn't go in. I three-putted 11, and I doubled 13.

I responded well when things weren't going well for a four, five, six-hole stretch there. I had birdie putts 14 through 18. I was able to make one of them, and all five had a chance of going in.

**Q. So you had the better round in your grasp, and things just sort of didn't quite go your way?**



MATT PARZIALE: Yeah. I made a birdie, made a nice birdie on 5 to get back after making two bogeys. You know, it's such a tough condition course. You really have to be on at all times. I'm happy with the way the last five went.

**Q. What is your biggest takeaway from this week? You were around for the weekend, which a lot of the top names weren't.**

MATT PARZIALE: Yeah.

**Q. Do you take that into account? What's your biggest takeaway?**

MATT PARZIALE: I don't worry about what the other guys who didn't make the cut or didn't play well did. I'm just happy that I was able to play four rounds here, play pretty well all four of them. Stretches. Obviously, it's very tough out there, so there are stretches where things two wrong.

But I responded well every day. Even after a bad finish yesterday, to come out and play a somewhat decent round today, I'm happy with that.

**Q. Looking back on your golf life, did you imagine this somewhere in your future?**

MATT PARZIALE: This is what I put all of the work in for. Can't guarantee it's going to happen, but this is why I've done what I've done my entire life.

**Q. Did you get anything out of this that would give you an insight into what you want to do down the road? I mean, once you step off the golf course and play other events, you're going back home and --**

MATT PARZIALE: Yeah, I'm going back to the Mid-Am life. Yeah, I have no -- I'm not going to turn pro. I've done that before. If they want to give me a Tour card, I'll go play, but I'm not going to go back and play mini tours.

**Q. You're an amateur now. You have to go back to work. What's that like?**

MATT PARZIALE: We haven't figured that out yet. I have a pretty busy next couple weeks. August is extremely busy with the U.S. Am, getting married, and then honeymoon, and we get right into the U.S. Mid-Am in September. Figure it out after the U.S. Mid-Am is what I'm thinking now.

**Q. Thank you.**

MATT PARZIALE: Thank you.