

# U.S. Junior Amateur Championship

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## Preston Summerhays

### Quick Quotes

**Q. So you found yourself in a little bit of trouble down three after you birdie the 11th. What turned it around for you?**

PRESTON SUMMERHAYS: I would say just staying patient. I didn't really panic too much. I mean, coming into this week my dad said, If you get a couple down it's kind of just golf. People have their highs and lows in rounds. He just made two great 15 foot sliders and I was thinking, People are human. They'll make mistakes.

So I just stayed patient.

**Q. And then obviously you won 12 with par but birdied the par-5, 13. How did you do that?**

PRESTON SUMMERHAYS: So I hit a great drive left edge of the fairway, and then I didn't have the best lie. I kind of knew that short was good to that pin because that green is super sloped back to front.

So I left that a little short. Left that maybe five to ten paces short. It's cool. This course the fringe is so tight it's basically like you're putting on greens, so I just putted it. It was maybe a 60-foot putt, just putted it, tap-in.

**Q. Won a bunch of holes with pars towards the end there. Any of those pars stand out as pivotal?**

PRESTON SUMMERHAYS: 17 was huge. I hit it in the rough off my tee ball, and it wasn't a great lie. Got it right in front of the greenside bunker. Hit that about ten feet behind the hole, which was not great.

I made a downhill slider coming back, and I think that kind of sealed it.

**Q. Last year you played in the U.S. Amateur and you've done well in your State Amateur the last two years. How did that prepare you for playing this week?**

PRESTON SUMMERHAYS: Just every match play event I've gained experience. I think it's just, yeah, those events gained experience, and it's kind of showed me just kind of what my game needs to be like for match play.

**Q. Do you prefer stroke play versus match play or**



**how do you view it?**

PRESTON SUMMERHAYS: I mean, I wouldn't say -- I like them both. They're both golf.

**Q. How are they different?**

PRESTON SUMMERHAYS: I feel like match play is a lot more pressure. It's a lot more strategic because you're not playing the course; you're kind of playing your opponent.

**Q. Right.**

PRESTON SUMMERHAYS: So I think it's cool that way. And then every shot if you can put a little pressure, you never know what can happen.