

# U.S. Senior Open

Flash Interview

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## Robby Funk



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**Q. Congratulations on making it to the weekend. Tell us a little bit about what you had to go through to do that today.**

ROBBY FUNK: So the last three holes?

**Q. Yeah.**

ROBBY FUNK: I had to shoot at least 1 over, and I got off to a bad start. You know, it was wet. It rained overnight. Pulled my first drive into the left rough and got it up in front and thought I hit a good chip, and it rolled up on top of the hill and had to make a 25, 30-footer, ran by about five feet, made that, and then pardoned my way in.

**Q. What holes did you play?**

ROBBY FUNK: Yeah, 7, 8, 9. I would have rather played 7, 8, and 9 than 16, 17, and 18.

**Q. Did you notice Nick Faldo standing there at 9 watching you putt?**

ROBBY FUNK: I didn't notice, but I found out afterwards, and I'd like to give him my sincere apologies for making that putt, and I wish he could have played also.

**Q. How far was it, six feet maybe for par?**

ROBBY FUNK: Yeah. I had a real hard time with the greens. I mean, normally I'm a good reader of the greens and putter, and I can't seem to get the ball to the hole when they're uphill. Downhill, I don't struggle as much. But uphill I have a hard time. Left a 40-footer probably seven feet short and had a seven-footer for par.

**Q. Did you know that was it?**

ROBBY FUNK: I did know, yeah. By my reaction afterwards? Yeah.

**Q. What was your reaction?**

ROBBY FUNK: I'm pretty sure I yelled because I came in this week wanting to be low amateur. My whole goal was to be low amateur. It's my first Major Championship. I played in a lot of USGA events, it's my first Senior event.

Coming back from a lot of issues. I've had surgery on both my ankles so I'm really happy to be here.

**Q. Did you hear a guy with a British accent also**

yelling after he made -- never mind.

**What else does it mean as far as, you know, not only you're low amateur, but I believe you'll be invited back next year as the low amateur to Senior Open.**

ROBBY FUNK: That's awesome. See, I don't know what the perks are. Yeah, I'm finding out slowly. My eyes were set on the goal, which is being low amateur. So I really didn't look at anybody. I wished everybody well.

When I found out I was low, and if I could come in at 1 over, I'd be low, and that was kind of my goal. So to be invited back, that's going to be awesome.

**Q. That's great.**

ROBBY FUNK: Not having to qualify for anything is awesome.

**Q. Robby, congratulations.**

ROBBY FUNK: Thank you guys. Thank you so much.