

U.S. Junior Amateur Championship

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Ryan Smith

Quick Quotes



Q. It was a close match all day. Walk me through your feelings.

RYAN SMITH: Yeah. Didn't start out great. The middle I kind of found -- kind of after hole 6 I kind of found my form and kind of started hitting the ball a little bit better ball striking-wise.

Putts started to go in kind of halfway through and momentum kind of switched a little bit. He played a great match today. It was back and forth the whole day. None of us had bigger than a 1-up lead the entire day.

It was a great match. It was nice to hole the putt on the last so I didn't have to figure out the first hole once again.

Yeah, so it was great.

Q. You were a quarterfinalist last year. How does that help prepare you for going into what's to come?

RYAN SMITH: You know, last year I hit my driver off the planet, so that gives me a little confidence, that even if one part of my game is a little bit off that I can at least scramble it around the golf course and play one-on-one and don't have to worry about everybody else.

Yeah, gives me a little confidence going in. See tomorrow how I feel, yeah.

Q. Is there anything you want to change about your game going into tomorrow?

RYAN SMITH: Yeah, maybe the first couple holes, getting off to a little bit of a better start. I mean, I played well today. We'll see tomorrow how I feel. Kind of go from there.

Q. What are your feelings about the course so far?

RYAN SMITH: Course is in great shape, as is the lower two. Both in great shape for stroke play and match play today. Couple tougher pins. The course is a little bit tougher today than it was yesterday.

So, yeah, I think it'll probably get tougher as the week progresses. There is no rain in the forecast, so I think it'll get drier and firmer as the week goes on. Looking forward to it, yeah.