

**STEWART HAGESTAD, 27, Newport Beach, Calif. (67-74—141)**

**On his round:** Made a really sloppy par on 1, which should be a birdie hole (par 5). Tried to hit driver on 2. Might be the only guy who made match play to hit it in the water on 2. Total comedy of errors.

I wasn't worried about making match play, but c'mon, I was trying to go out and shoot a good number. And if nothing else, get some good momentum going into tomorrow. I think I made 12 or 13 pars in a row after that. I didn't make a birdie until I finally rolled one in on 15. I think I was even from then on in.

It was a very frustrating start, especially when you want to go out and play well.

**On advancing to match play:** For this tournament and the U.S. Am, I feel like I am a pretty good player, I walk on the first tee with being a past champion and a Walker Cupper brings a little respect. I know if I were to play Scott Harvey in the finals, it's in the back of my mind that he's won this and he's a past Walker Cupper and he's played in the Masters [and the U.S. Open].

As long as you make match play, that's kind of the name of the game and you can make runs after that. My goal going into today was to try and win medalist [honors], so in my eyes, I wasn't good enough. I think there's some things to go work on and improve upon. Besides the start, I didn't play that badly. It's tough because the greens are getting really firm. There were a few tricky, tough pins. We were close, we just didn't do anything spectacular.

**On match play mindset:** Just go out and do what you are capable of. Small targets and committed, aggressive golf swings. I think that is where the experience might come into play a little bit more. Hopefully I can hit it great, putt it great and have a bunch of stress-free matches.