

# U.S. Junior Amateur Championship

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## Davis Shore

### Quick Quotes

**Q. All right. Not the easiest round, was it?**

DAVIS SHORE: No, those last two matches were probably two of the toughest matches I've ever played. So, I mean, I shot 68 the first match and 65 in the second match and didn't make a bogey the second match. I mean, I had some pretty tough opponents today. I knew today was going to be tough going in, but I didn't think it was going to be that hard. That was unbelievable.

**Q. So you go 1-up early. Can you just walk me through that hole?**

DAVIS SHORE: Yeah, the first hole I hit just on the green in two and two-putted. I mean, I really only played almost flawless like in that match right there. I missed a three-footer for birdie on No. 3, and that is the only mistake I made. I didn't make a bogey.

I mean, I was hitting it well, putting well. So I just, I don't know. It's crazy.

**Q. Yeah, so like you said, he goes up, 2-up by 7, but then you come back at hole 9. So walk me through that one.**

DAVIS SHORE: Yeah, so we were all square I guess going into 5. He made birdie on 5, 6, and 7. I birdied 6, drove the green just to halve the hole. He was 2-up at that point. But I didn't freak out because my first match today was really tough, and I was down a little bit in that one. So I just kind of was like, if I just keep playing good golf, I can get back in it. I birdied 9, which is a good birdie. It was in the left today. Hit a 7-iron in to about 15 feet and made the putt. Then starting the back nine, I really played solid.

The only mistake I made was I drove it in the bunker on 11, and I had the lay-up, so I didn't birdie 11. But let's see, I birdied 14.

**Q. Yeah, what did you hit on that hole?**

DAVIS SHORE: I had a 6-iron just past the hole about 10 feet and made it down the hill, which was a really good putt. I couldn't hit two better shots there. So that was good. We were all square going into 15. I hit really my only bad drive of the day. It wasn't that bad, it just drew it on the wind a little bit over in the rough. I was behind some trees, and I punched it out, but it just went down into the rough a little further. It was like



maybe 90 yards.

I hit a really good shot from 90 yards to about five feet and saved par. That was key, I think. Because I did not want to go 1-down heading into the last three especially against such a great player in Ricky.

And I birdied 16 right after that. I made about a 15-footer down the hill. I had the putt on the exact same line this morning on that, and I missed it left. So I played a little more break on that one and I made it, which was huge. Then, of course, he makes like a 60-footer on No. 17. I didn't really see that coming. I should expect it. I've played it before.

Last time we played, we played at the Wyndham Cup in the singles, I beat him 1-up in that match too, but he shot 29 on the back nine. So I should have expected that, but he made it. I was like, well, here we go again. I was All Square going into 18 before, and I was like I guess I just have to birdie it again. I did the exact same thing.

Early this morning I hit 5-iron, 56-degree, and I did the exact same thing. Just 5-iron, 4-iron, 56-degree, and I was opposite side of the hole. I was like ten feet past it in the morning, and this afternoon I was ten feet short of it and I made it. So I was so happy I putted one in. I did not want to play another hole against Ricky. I thought he was going to make that putt at 18.

**Q. Yeah, you see him putting that?**

DAVIS SHORE: Yeah, he made it from twice that distance on 17. So I really thought he was going to make it. It wasn't just down the hill, and I was like he's going to make it. So I've got to make this putt to stay alive. It was a real big relief when he didn't make it.

**Q. Did you feel any nerves approaching that putt?**

DAVIS SHORE: No, not more nerves. I would have had more nerves had he made it to be honest. Because to stay alive, that putt, I just tried to relax a little bit and just focus on hitting a solid putt. Thankfully I read it correctly, so it went in.

**Q. All right. Are you going to use anything you feel like you need to work on going into tomorrow? Was it something, maybe it was your iron play, drive, putting?**

DAVIS SHORE: Honestly, the first match I really hit it great all day. The first match I missed some putts left. Worked on it in between the rounds. Other than the three-footer I missed on No. 3 on the second 18, I putted great.

So I don't think I needed -- 65 is pretty good. It's a tough golf course, so I don't think there is anything I did wrong really. I've just got to keep playing. I'm playing well. I feel like after these last two matches I can beat anybody out here with how I played.

Ricky played unbelievable. I don't think either of us made a bogey the entire round. You had to win holes with birdies. It was a tough match. The wind was blowing pretty hard, so it was crazy.