

# U.S. Junior Amateur Championship

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## Alvin Kwak

### Quick Quotes

**Q. Let's start with that 18th hole. You were all over the place and it looked like he had the upper hand. Tell us how you got back in that hole?**

ALVIN KWAK: My tee shot was in the right woods, and I just punched out to 210 yards, and my hybrid because it was into the wind but I sliced it to the right side of the green which was bad, because the pin was on the very left. I was just going for the best two-putt I could.

**Q. How far do you think that first one was?**

ALVIN KWAK: My first putt? I don't know, 55-footer, I guess so.

**Q. Were you surprised that you got it that close?**

ALVIN KWAK: Yes, I was hoping it would stop. I was lucky that the greens were slow, because I'm not very good with fast greens, so...

**Q. Is this the biggest win of your career so far?**

ALVIN KWAK: I won the Teen Worlds. I don't know if that compares to anything up to this point, but it feels like it, definitely.

**Q. You know how good a player he is and how much experience he had coming into this?**

ALVIN KWAK: Yes, I do. He told me this is his third time coming into since his sophomore year, so that's crazy. That's top golf.

**Q. To beat someone of that caliber and his experience, that has to give you a lot of confidence.**

ALVIN KWAK: Yes. I feel like that gave me the confidence that I can go all the way to the end of this tournament, which I barely made the cut. So to be able to feel like this is great.

**Q. Since you're kind of new to this kind of competition, what is the best part of your game?**

ALVIN KWAK: I'm really consistent off the tee, and I hit a lot of greens in regulation. So my when my putting is good, my score gets low.

**Q. You got up on him early. You birdied, let's see, you birdied the 4th and the 5th holes.**

ALVIN KWAK: Yes.



**Q. Do you remember how you birdied those holes?**  
ALVIN KWAK: The fourth hole he just gave me the hole because he chipped twice. But I had it pretty close.

**Q. How close was it?**

ALVIN KWAK: About 12 feet.

**Q. Then on 5?**

ALVIN KWAK: The 5th hole was --

**Q. That would put you 3-up?**

ALVIN KWAK: Oh, yes. I stuffed my wedge shot to like a tap-in.

**Q. What did you hit? What club did you use?**

ALVIN KWAK: It was a 50-degree wedge from 110 yards.

**Q. Later, on the back side then, he came back at you and actually took the lead. But then you birdied 16th hole. How did you birdie 16th hole?**

ALVIN KWAK: Actually, ever since hole 5 I've been hitting my shots really long. It's crazy. I had to club down twice, and on that hole I was in the back of the green. I had like a 20-footer right to left. It was a big breaker, but somewhat drained it.

So I was pretty mad in the previous hole because I had a really good shot on the par-3 before that, and like 20 yards over the green. So I gave him the hole. The next hole I did the same thing, long, chipped and missed the putt. So it was just giving away holes.

**Q. Now that you're starting to think about what just happened, how happy are you?**

ALVIN KWAK: Couldn't be happier. This is just living in the present, this is the happiest moment ever.