U.S. Junior Amateur
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Daniel Island Club, Beresford Creek Course
Charleston, S.C.

Matt Moloney, Daniel Island, S.C.
Even-par 71

Q. What was it like playing in a USGA championship on your home course?

[MATT MOLONEY]: It’s different. It’s weird having all the tents up and volunteers around. It’s weird to see it, but the course is as good as ever, so it’s been fun.

Q. Did you have a lot of support out there?

[MATT MOLONEY]: Yeah, a little bit. A lot of people dropping in and out - friends and some members. It was fun. I got a lot of support.

Q. Can you use that support? Does it help you when you’re playing?

[MATT MOLONEY]: Absolutely. I love having people out there. Anytime I make a putt if people are clapping or saying, ‘good putt,’ it always helps. So yeah, I love it.

Q. Let’s talk about your round. You got in a little bit of trouble on 10 with your tee shot.

[MATT MOLONEY]: I was trying to hit a cut, and double-crossed pull-hook left. There’s a big creek down there which is not a place you want to miss it obviously.

After the drop, I was in another bad spot because it’s just a bad place to miss it. I ended up with 230 in, came up short, didn’t hit it good, and then didn’t get up and down. It was a mess.

Q. Then you rebounded and got yourself back on track.

[MATT MOLONEY]: We were just plugging along. I didn’t really get anything going on the front nine. A couple of birdies were bound to happen. I hit good shots, just didn’t really make any putts.

They just happened to come right after that hole. It’s always helpful to rebound well like that. It was going to come I just needed to let it happen.

Q. I heard a lot of those putts were of considerable length. Were they?

[MATT MOLONEY]: Yeah, all three were probably 20-30 feet, so it’s always good to make those. There’s a degree of luck involved, but I’m happy with it.

Q. You put yourself in fine shape being at even par. What’s your mentality heading into the second round of stroke play?

[MATT MOLONEY]: Hit every shot as well as I can. That’s all I can control. Just control things you can control and it’ll all work out from there.