# **U.S. Mid-Amateur**

Saturday, Sept. 9, 2023 Sleepy Hollow Golf Club Scarborough, N.Y.

# Brady Shivers, Lubbock, Texas

3-under 68 (first round, stroke play)



## Q. How did you feel about your play today?

Brady Shivers: "It was good. It was a little bit weird starting the championship on a par 3 (10th hole). My caddie and I had a good game plan. We didn't play a practice round in the morning so the course played a lot different, I would say a club to a club-and-a-half different. But we had good numbers, drove it well and overall it was a pretty good day."

### Q. Tell us about the birdie run on the front nine of the course (your inward nine)?

Brady Shivers: "[No.] 2 is such an uphill tee shot and we hit a good tee shot there. I hit a little 56 (wedge) in there to about 6 feet and made the putt. I hit an 8-iron into [No.] 3 to about 10 feet and had a good read there. Yesterday in the practice round we were rained out on [No.] 5, so 6 through 9 was kind of blind today. On 6, I hit a 7-iron to about 20 feet and had a nice little two-putt."

### Q. How does having played in previous Mid-Amateurs help you this time around?

Brady Shivers: "It does. My first one I was nervous, I was big-eyed. It was different. The second one I felt more confident, got to match play. Match play is my favorite golf. So I just feel that if we can get to match play that's where we are comfortable and that's where we are trying to be."

#### Q. How does this course compare to others that you have played?

Brady Shivers: "This is really good, it is the hardest walk. I am from West Texas and there are very few hills there, so we are definitely not used to the up and downs. But fairway conditions and green conditions, it doesn't get much better than this."

Note - Shivers is playing in his third U.S. Mid-Amateur. He advanced to the Round of 32 in 2021.