

U.S. Mid-Amateur

Tuesday, Sept. 12, 2023
Sleepy Hollow Country Club
Scarborough, N.Y.



Brett Patterson, Oxford, Miss.

Round of 32 – def. Jeronimo Esteve, 5 and 4
Round of 64 – def. David Richards, 19 holes

Q. Obviously knocked off the medalist. You got off to a great start by going 6 up after 9?

Patterson: “I just kept making pars. I know he didn’t have his best stuff today, but this golf course can get you in a hurry and kind of had the mantra of fairway and green, and give myself a chance at birdie.”

Q. Is this your first Mid-Amateur?

Patterson: “It is. But it’s actually my 12th USGA championship. I’ve been pursuing a Ph.D. in accounting for the last few years, so I’ve been kind of limited on my options with qualifying. I haven’t tried to qualify too often...Played six U.S. Amateurs, a U.S. Open [in 2011], three Publinx (U.S. Amateur Public Links) and now the Mid-Am, and a Four-Ball.”

Q. How long has it taken you to get your Ph.D.?

Patterson: “I’m in my fifth year now. I’m in the dissertation phase, so I am about to finish it up either this fall or in the spring [at Ole Miss]. I can see the light at the end of the tunnel, finally.”

Q. Do you want to teach?

Patterson: “I’ve actually been teaching cost control and financial accounting at Ole Miss. It’s been a blast.”

Q. You decision process to take that career path?

Patterson: “I was a CPA (Certified Public Accountant) for about 2½ years. The long work days. I wasn’t playing much golf, so I figured I’d try the academia route. I always knew teaching was something that I would enjoy and sure enough it is. I have really enjoyed my time at Ole Miss.”

Q. More time to play now?

Patterson: “Definitely relative to the CPA life, for sure. In the fall and spring, it’s kind of limited here and there, but this summer I’ve gotten to play quite a bit, which is nice.”

Q. What has been the secret in getting into the last 16 here at Sleepy?

Patterson: “Honestly, just playing my game. I’ve been playing really well this summer. You need some luck on your side in this thing and I have gotten a little bit these first two matches...Everything has been turning in the right direction.”

Note – Finished second in the 2023 Mississippi Amateur to Joe Deraney
Greenwood Invitational finished third
Qualified for 2023 U.S. Amateur