

U.S. Senior Amateur

Monday, Aug. 28, 2023
Martis Camp Club
Truckee, Calif.

Joe Palmer,
Norwalk, Iowa

Round of 64
def. Jeff Wilson, 5 and 3



Q. Good week for Iowa with Mike McCoy captaining the USA Walker Cup Team in Scotland?

Palmer: "I was looking at him all day. He gave us all Walker Cup ball markers. He's with us all. He spread a little bit of the Walker Cup wealth to us. We're super-excited for him. Well deserved."

Q. Four Iowans make match play for second consecutive year?

Palmer: "Curtis [Holck] is tinkled pink that he made it through the playoff. I've been through one of those and they are nerve wracking. He's playing [fellow Iowan] Jon Brown, who has been playing well this year. Gene [Elliott] has been hurt but feels like he is back. We've got a competitive state. I don't know what it is about match play but we've battled it over the years."

Q. You eliminated 2018 champion Jeff Wilson?

Palmer: "I didn't get Jeff's best game today, but I played well. I think I only missed a couple of greens in the 15 holes and out here that's good. I've always been a good match player. I've got a decent record. In our state, I've won our [match-play event] quite a few times. I recently beat the young kids back in Iowa two years ago. It's fun. It frees you up a little bit. Making the top 64 in this event and all the USGA events is just a grind. It's even different than stroke play. You just start doing the math too much and it just frees you up."