

U.S. Senior Amateur

Tuesday, Aug. 29, 2023
Martis Camp Club
Truckee, Calif.

**Todd White,
Spartanburg, S.C.**

Round of 16

def. Ken Wade, 5 and 4

Round of 32

def. Brent Paterson, 21 holes



Q. You had some theatrics leading into your Round-of-16 win?

White: "If you look at my first two opponents, you have a player who made the finals of this event two years ago (Jerry Gunthorpe) and then this morning I am greeted with the reigning British Senior Amateur champion (Brent Paterson). To go 21 holes, longer than I would have liked, but an outcome with what I would have hoped for. Again, everyone here can play. You consider yourself fortunate when you have a match like my Round of 16 when you only have to play 14 holes."

Q. And you had some grinders out there?

White: "I was thinking going through the morning match today that I am striking the ball well enough to advance. I just hope it's not my putter that sends me home. Luckily, I made a clutch [6-foot par] putt on the 21st hole to advance to this afternoon and I putted well this afternoon. I put the ball in play, hit some [crisp] iron shots and gave myself some looks at birdie, and managed to make a couple of them.

"Again, the key for me is just putting the ball in play off the tee, and I did that all day today. I only found the rough like twice all day...For me, I am a high-ball hitter and obviously with altitude I get a little bit more distance. That's something that I am having to calculate, so instead of a history teacher, I may go back and be a math teacher."

Q. This is your first quarterfinal appearance in a USGA event since 2015 Mid-Amateur?

White: "It's nice to advance to the quarterfinals in my first Senior Am. I guess I am already part of a winner because it exempts me to The Honors Course next year. For me, it's almost like [Alabama] coach Nick Saban says, it's a process. Don't get ahead of yourself. You're hitting golf shots and obviously what your opponent does can change a little bit of the process. But right now I am playing halfway decent, so I am just going to stay with it."