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**William Peel IV, Washington D.C. – (even-par 70 at Sankaty Head Golf Club)**

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**Andrew Paysse, of Temple, Texas - (3-under-par 67, Sankaty Head Golf Club)**

[Par saves to start the round]: Overall I played very well. To start the round, I made a few really good par saves (Nos. 10, 11, 12, 13). It really took me a while to get going with the tee ball and the irons, but once I got my feet under me, I started hitting good shots and giving myself more good looks.

[On the conditions vs. practice rounds]: It was a totally different golf course than what we played the first two days. In the practice rounds, when anything got up in the air, you were just trying to stop it when you were hitting it downwind. Today after all the rain, now you’re trying to take the spin off to keep it from spinning off the front of the green. It took a while to adjust to that. The key thing during the delays was keeping the back loose; these are colder temperatures than what we’re used to at home.

[On qualifying for his first USGA event]: It’s my first time to qualify, so I didn’t know quite what to expect, but I’ve loved it so far. I’ve tried to qualify between the Junior, the Amateur and this about seven times; I’ve been first alternate twice for the U.S. Amateur and once in the Junior, but I’ve caddied for my little brother William [who is now a senior at Texas A&M] in the U.S. Am once. I was really happy to qualify in a playoff and get to come out here and do it. I’m just trying to enjoy myself. I have my wife on the bag [Callie].

[On the 2nd round of stroke play]: Miacomet is a great track; the course is in excellent condition and has some of the best fairways I’ve ever seen, just looking forward to seeing how it reacts after the rain. During the practice rounds, the greens were even firmer than the ones out here.”