**2021 U.S. Mid-Amateur Championship**

**Monday, Sept. 27, Second Round, Sankaty Head Golf Club and Miacomet Golf Course**

**Andrew Paysse, Temple, Texas – (69, 1-under, Miacomet; 67-69--136)**

(on making match play)

I am really excited to make match play in my first USGA event. This round was a little bit different than yesterday. I scrambled really well yesterday and made a lot of putts. Today it was the best I have hit my irons in awhile. [I] struck it really well but didn’t make a whole lot of putts. I made one bad swing all day on (hole) 16 tee.

(on a few of his birdies)

I two-putted for birdie on the par 5 (5th hole) and then birdied 10. I hit a wedge in there close, about 8 feet. I played the par 3s great. I hit it close on 12 to about 6 feet with a 7-iron. I really stayed in position all day.

(on being comfortable in the wind as a Texan)

It’s funny this time of year I am not use to playing in a lot of wind. In the summer it doesn’t blow that much, it’s mainly in the spring. It’s just dead hot, not a whole lot of wind in the summer. But I am still very familiar with playing in the wind. I am not uncomfortable. It really wasn’t an adjustment to get the knockdown shot going again.

(on why it took so long for him to play in a USGA championship)

It’s tough to qualify. It’s hard, especially those Texas qualifiers. In one U.S. Amateur qualifier I shot 6- or 7-under for the 36-hole day and got first alternate. I have played well in several qualifiers, just didn’t get across the line.

(on any conversations with Scottie Scheffler, his brother-in-law)

Everyone on that side of the family wished me well. And it’s really cool to see him beat the No. 1 player [Jon Rahm] in the world yesterday [in Ryder Cup]. It was so exciting.