

# U.S. Amateur Championship

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Cherry Hills Village, Colorado, USA  
Cherry Hills Country Club

## John Marshall Butler

### Quick Quotes

#### Q. How disappointed are you?

JOHN MARSHALL BUTLER: You know, to me, this doesn't really make a difference. It doesn't affect my future. I still believe I'll be the No. 1 player in the world. I still believe I'll be competing on the PGA TOUR, and I still believe that I'll be winning majors.

Yeah, right now it kind of stings, but it doesn't change anything. There have been a lot of really good players who haven't won this tournament, and yeah, it would have been great, but it's whatever.

#### Q. Obviously getting to the semifinals is still a great achievement, as you just said. Where does that take your game to? Does it take it to another level now?

JOHN MARSHALL BUTLER: You know, I don't think so. I think I just -- I've had a lot of belief in my game and a lot of trust in my game for a while now, and just had a good mindset this week, and unfortunately it wasn't enough at the end.

#### Q. You're up three after 10 holes. What are you thinking at that point?

JOHN MARSHALL BUTLER: I felt in control of the match. I felt in control of my golf swing. I had kind of let him back in, and I made some amateur mistakes for sure. Hitting it in the water on 12 and hitting it -- missing the green on 15, hitting it in hazard on 12 and 15. Hit it on the green on 15, and I have all the momentum. But unfortunately it didn't happen, and yeah.

#### Q. Talk about the second shot at 17. It looked like there was a lot of debate going on, how to play that.

JOHN MARSHALL BUTLER: Yeah, we're just trying to get something up there in the fairway just short of that left bunker around 100, 120 yards, and the lie was kind of squirrely, just a lot of people have been walking on the



rough.

Yeah, I was committed to the shot and just shot out of there a little right, and unfortunately ended up in the bunker.

#### Q. What did you learn about yourself this week and this run you made?

JOHN MARSHALL BUTLER: I think everything I already know. I already know that I'm one of the best players in the world. I already know that I'm really resilient.

Yeah, this game, I've failed so many times at this game, and it's taught me so much, and it's brought me a lot of joy, and it's brought me a lot of pain. But at the end of the day, it's just a game, and we've both got to go home and sleep in our beds, and it doesn't really matter at the end of the day.

#### Q. Talk about the energy from the crowd.

JOHN MARSHALL BUTLER: The crowd was great. I thought they were loud, which is exactly what I wanted. The crowd was awesome.

#### Q. Did you feel the crowd was behind you after what happened, kind of the night match the other night?

JOHN MARSHALL BUTLER: Yeah, for sure. I love interacting with the fans. I love interacting with the kids out here because that's what it's all about, growing the game and really getting them to enjoy golf. They see a player that they're admiring or looking up to come and interact with them, it really makes a difference. As you can see right now, I've got a couple kids waiting for me to sign some autographs.

Yeah, that's really what it's all about at the end of the day. It's big into golf.

#### Q. When you go back to school, what will you tell your teammates about this experience?

JOHN MARSHALL BUTLER: I mean, we had four guys in the round of 32. I'm going to tell them it just wasn't my day, I guess.



We've got bigger things ahead of us at Auburn. We're probably going to have the deepest team in the country, and I believe we'll have the best team in the country and we'll have a chance to win a national championship.

This isn't the end for me or Auburn golf. You're going to see us very soon.

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