**2022 U.S. Junior Amateur Championship**

**Monday, July 25, First Round, Stroke Play,**

**Bandon Dunes Golf Resort (Bandon Dunes course & Bandon Trails course)**

**Caden Pinckes, La Costa, Calif. – (68, 4-under, Bandon Dunes course)**

(on shooting a 68 in Monday’s conditions)

It was really fun. I putted really well. The wind was not bad this morning, it kind of kicked up on the back nine. This back nine was a grind. I was making a lot of putts for par.

(on tough par putts)

The wind threw me off on a few clubs, so I had lots of lag putts that went to 5, 6, 8 feet that I just grinded out and made par.

(on managing his putting in the wind)

I have a couple of feels. I use Brandt Snedeker’s [stroke] by taking it back shorter and hit it a bit harder. And I bend my knees in a bit more. That’s what Tiger [Woods] used to do.

(on his experience playing links golf)

A lot of low balls with my coach on the range. (AJ Avoli at La Costa). I’ve never played links golf. This is my first experience with links golf and it’s been a lot of fun.

(on playing his first U.S. Junior Amateur round)

I was hitting it very well, but I was definitely grinding. A good score.

(if his solid play takes some pressure off tomorrow’s round)

Kind of. I’m still going out with the same game plan.

Key birdie putts - 2-putt on #9 for birdie (35 feet); Hybrid and SW to 3 inches on #16