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

**Saturday, Sept. 25, First Round, Sankaty Head Golf Club and Miacomet Golf Course**

**Christian Sease, Mt. Pleasant, S.C. - 67, 3-under, Miacomet Golf Course)**

(on his start and finish)

I got off to a good start and hit a couple of good approach shots. I hung in there during the middle of the round. It seemed like every time I got in trouble I kind of managed it and got myself back in good position.

Once we finished (hole) 15 I knew it was going to be straight downwind. I knew to just hit some smart lines and you could definitely make some birdies. I hit it to 7 or 8 feet on 17 and two-putted for birdie on 18.

(on his par at No. 14)

It was probably 490 (yards) into the wind today and I didn’t hit a very good second shot, it was way right in the rough. I actually hit the pin from there and just stayed on the edge for a tap-in par. That was a big one because from over on the right it could get out of hand. That kept me going.

(on if his good play surprised him)

I have playing pretty well and managing my game well. Of course, this is my first USGA event so you don’t know. Playing pro golf, I have a lot of experience going into this [championship]. I relied upon it. Even though I am the young guy here I felt very comfortable with my game and just managing those emotions.

(on his girlfriend Ashley Sloup playing in the U.S. Women’s Mid-Amateur)

It’s really cool that we both qualified at the same time. I caddied for her at the qualifier and thought maybe I would be caddieing for her at the tournament. The next day I qualified and it wasn’t until about a week later that I realized that they were at the same time. I hate that we can’t share the experience together but it’s cool that we are both playing in it. We have talked every day. I hope she can make match play and make a run.

Notes – Made birdie at No. 17 with a gap wedge from 135 yards and hit an 8-iron approach to 30 feet on the par-5 18th.