**U.S. Junior Amateur Championship**

**Monday, July 19, First Round, The Country Club of North Carolina**

**DAVID FORD, Peachtree Corners, Ga. (67, -4, Cardinal Course)**

(on his round)

It was cool. It was one of my first solo competitive rounds in a while. The start was a little shaky. Just trying to get my feet under me. I played a good back nine. It was pretty comfortable even though I was hitting some bad irons. Didn’t hit the driver great, but still managed to shoot 3 under on the back. Overall, it was a solid round.

(any adjustments for Round 2)

Not really. Mainly just keep the pedal down. I was swinging it well on the last few holes [in Round 1]. I just wasn’t as confident or as aggressive as I should be. Just go hit some balls on the range and keep pedal down.

(on his Four-Ball partner Kelly Chinn leading)

 I haven’t really seen him much [this summer]. I saw him at [U.S. Amateur] Four-Ball and Wyndham Cup [two weeks ago]. He’s a really good player. I am going to give him a run [for medalist] tomorrow, but I will be excited to congratulate him afterwards [if he is the medalist].

(on competing in the Junior Amateur after the championship was canceled last year due to COVID)

I am just really happy to be here. The 4 under is a bonus. That was my goal, to play well and experience it. If I play well and do interviews, great, but if I don’t, just hang out with my friends and have fun. I’m feeling blessed to be here.