**U.S. Junior Amateur Championship**

**Tuesday, July 20, Second Round, The Country Club of North Carolina**

**GORDON SARGENT, of Birmingham, Ala. (67, -5, Dogwood Course; 71-67--138)**

(about today’s conditions)

It was definitely a lot different. In the practice rounds if you hit it into the rough you had no chance of stopping it on the green. They are definitely a little softer. Overall the course is in great shape.

(the biggest difference from yesterday)

Yesterday I hit it really well but didn’t seem to make any putts. Today I saw one go in on [hole] 13, about a 15-footer, and after that I starting putting really well. I made an 8-footer at 15 for birdie. And then on 18 it was downwind and I said ‘I gotta hit driver’ and ended up making eagle there. On the back nine, I hit a few uncommitted shots but other than that I felt I like I played really well.

(on how this sets him up for match play)

The goal is just make match play. You don’t want to be the [No.] 64 seed, you would rather be one of the top seeds. You just need to go play your game and just trust it.

(on how his experience helps this week)

Two years ago when I played in my first U.S. Junior (Amateur) I felt like I was a bit younger with not much experience at all. Once I got to match play I knew I could beat this kid but I didn’t have too much experience. So playing in match play over the years at the North & South and Wyndham Cup definitely helps.

Note – 18th eagle - 160-yard, 8-iron approach to within 20 feet