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

**Tuesday, July 26, Second Round, Stroke Play,**

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

**Jayden Ford, of New Zealand – (68-68—136, 7-under)**

(on how he played during stroke play)

“I guess I chipped away at. I hit solid golf shots. I was patient and just enjoyed the two rounds out there.”

(on what brought him back to the U.S. after four years)

“Really the whole summer schedule. I started with the North & South [Amateur] and then played three others. I thought it would be good to get over here through the summer, obviously it is winter back home so there is not much going on. Just come here and get some exposure and get more experience playing international golf.”

(on what he did well today)

“I was just patient and hit good golf shots. I played to the fat part of the green a lot of the time and then I just holed a few putts now and then.”

(on some of the birdies he enjoyed today)

“That par-3 on the back, No. 12, it was playing 253 yards. I hit 4-iron up to 5 feet and then rolled it in. That was quite nice. Not really a hole you were expecting to birdie so it was nice to get one there.

I nearly holed a lob wedge (from 96 yards) on [No.] 18. I spun it back and it nearly went in.”

(on his expectations in match play)

“I am just going to take one match at a time and just enjoy the week. It would be nice to go the whole way but I am just going to take one step at a time and enjoy the whole journey.”

(on whether playing rugby has helped his golf)

“I guess a little bit from the physical aspect. I haven’t played for awhile now. It helps keeping fit and what not. I guess a little bit of athleticism can’t hurt.”