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

**Monday, Sept. 27, Round of 64, Sankaty Head Golf Club, Siasconset, Mass.**

**Richard “Skip” Berkmeyer, of St. Louis, Mo., def. Darren Fletcher, 2 and 1**

(on his won the match)

I played great on the back, I was 2-under. I played well in the wind, that was the difference. I won (hole) 10 to get back to even and then I hit a really good 5-iron into 11 and made birdie there and got some momentum. I had a lot of chances and then finally made a birdie on 17 to close it out. I had a ton of chances to make putts but under these conditions they are difficult to make. We made one bogey on the back nine combined and out there in this weather that’s pretty good.

(on the par-5 17th)

We both had the same yardage. I chipped a little wedge and it got in there about 3 feet. I was able to muster one in there. He missed his 12- or 13-footer.

(on whether he feels comfortable on this course)

I like it. You’ve got to hit the ball solid. The greens can be firm and they can be soft, so you have to know how to control your golf ball. That’s a strength of mine. The golf course fits, for me.

(on having finished his first match today)

I get to sleep in. This is the first time this week I get to sleep in. I was on the wave where I was playing early on Saturday and had to be here all day. I had to come back and play only one hole yesterday. I had to get up early this morning and play the 18-hole round. It will be nice to get some rest. I think that will help. I hope it’s an advantage.

NOTE – Fletcher won the 2007 St. Louis Metropolitan Open and Berkmeyer won the same event in 2006. Berkmeyer played in the final group of that 2007 championship and Fletcher was in the next-to-last group. Berkmeyer congratulated Fletcher on his win and had not seen him again until this Round-of-64 match.