



72nd U.S. JUNIOR AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP – Player Quotes

July 15-20, 2019, Inverness Club, Toledo, Ohio

Brian Ma, of Milpitas, Calif. (71-70—141)

(on his second round)

“I felt pretty good about it. For my two practice rounds, I had Scott Fawcett, the founder of Decade, it’s kind of a strategy-based guide. He told me that correct targets were a must for this course. Because everything is so tight, the rough is so thick, so really that’s what I was focusing on. Just making sure I choose the right target, making sure that’s the best possible position for me. Then just executing my shot.”

“I think I chose the right targets and most of my shots I executed pretty well, so I’m pretty satisfied.”

(on his streak of birdies)

“I rolled the ball pretty well today, and yesterday. I played smart golf. I wasn’t really trying to go after anything, so those three birdies were just really a byproduct of placing them in the right spots.”

(on strategy going into match play)

“Heading into match play, I’m probably still going to play the same strategy I’ve had the past few days. If the situation calls for it, it might change a little bit, but nothing’s going to change for now.”

(on playing in his first USGA championship)

“It feels good. I always felt that I was qualified to be in a U.S. Junior Am, just couldn’t really break through to finish in the qualifiers. But now that I’ve gotten in, I’m just playing my own game, so the scores speak for themselves.”

(on Inverness and the course difficulty)

“Since the rough is four or five inches long, tee shots are pretty imperative. You have to hit them in the fairway. Just a foot in the rough could mean a double or even worse than that. So I think a lot of the players are struggling to place them in the fairway, which is really all you need on this course. I think I did a good job of that.”

Notes:

Birdied three in a row on holes 2-4 leading to a 32 on the front nine
3 - Holed out from the greenside bunker for birdie - “A little bit of luck”