

# U.S. Junior Amateur Championship

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## Joseph Pagdin

### Quick Quotes

**Q. This morning, we'll start there. Tell me a little bit about the morning match. You were down three after 13, I believe.**

JOSEPH PAGDIN: Yeah. I mean, I got off to a rough start. I wasn't quite on my game. You know, I've been very experienced in match play, so I knew anything could happen. Just kept playing my game, doing the things I needed to, staying aggressive.

Then I made a few putts on 15, 16, 17 -- or 18, then obviously the one on 19. So, I mean, it was a good battle. He played well and barely missed a shot all day.

I was happy obviously. Was clutch to get a few birdies on the last few, so pretty excited about that.

**Q. Were any of those birdie putts stand out where you're like, Okay, I got this; I'm in and out?**

JOSEPH PAGDIN: Yeah, I mean, the one on 16, that was a decent putt. I had a good line on that. The one on 18 was the one that stood out to me. I had about 30 feet and it was probably five feet of break and I said to my caddie, This is going to go in, and it had to go in. I hit a decent putt. Got it just to the right edge and it dropped. That was obviously good.

Then on 19, soon as I hit it I knew it was in. Little bit of adrenaline kicking in on that, so just glad it happened at the right time.

**Q. Do you think the adrenaline from the morning match carried over?**

JOSEPH PAGDIN: Yeah, definitely after exciting finish. When I had some lunch I had to calm down and refocus and act like nothing has happened. I went out and obviously played two holes and then we had a rain delay for an hour, so that was a bit tricky to try and stay in it.

But then just started off after that playing solid golf. (Indiscernible) couple times which I haven't in the past few days. Made a few putts. Keep the pressure on.

Then unfortunately bogeyed 14 and then was good to finish with a birdie and win 4 and 3.

**Q. Yeah, you've played in a few Junior Ams before, making it to the round of 64 and then 32 last year.**



**Do you think that experience has helped you?**

JOSEPH PAGDIN: Yeah, I mean, obviously the past two years playing this event, but, I mean, what really helped me the past three weeks has been playing Wyndham Cup and the European Boys' Championship in France.

Match play is my favorite part about the game. I love it because anything can happen. You don't have to play great. Like yesterday I shot 5-over and won, but then you can shoot 6-under and still lose.

So it's fun. Definitely experience has helped me keeping cool and maintain my nerves throughout the round.

**Q. What do you need to do tomorrow to be in this same position?**

JOSEPH PAGDIN: Just play my same game. Fairways, middle of the greens. Obviously this course is a monster. You can hit some good shots in the rough and get penalized.

So I am just going to do the same thing I've been doing: keep it in the middle of the green, play my own game, and see what happens.